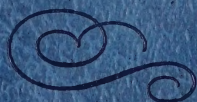


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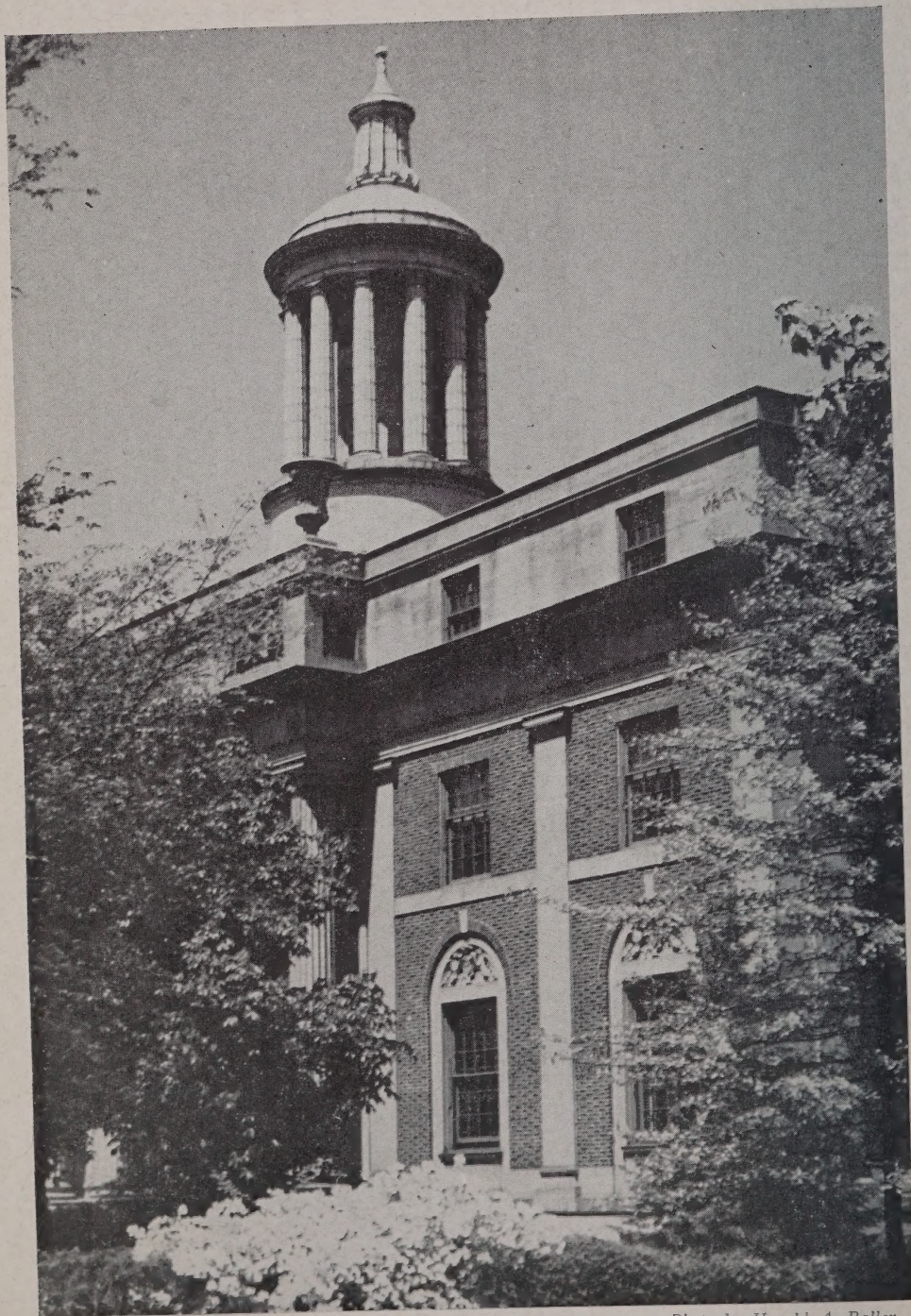
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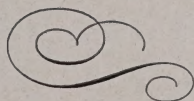
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MAYOR
DIXON C. PHILIPS

PRESIDENT OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

DELANO W. LADD (To 12/26/46)

JOHN W. REGAN (From 12/26/46)

MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

PHILLIP L. WEST
DAVID SCOTT FOSTER
ALBERT L. REGISTER, JR.
JOHN W. REGAN

FIRST WARD
SECOND WARD
THIRD WARD
FOURTH WARD
FOURTH WARD

ANTHONY F. SABINO
HOWARD CARTER, JR.
C. FREDERICK KAMMERER
(To 7/2/46) ANDREW L. SAFFRON
(From 8/5/46) CARLYLE W. CRANE

COUNCILMEN-AT-LARGE

WILLIAM P. GEE

DELANO W. LADD (To 12/26/46)

EDWARD H. CLENDENIN

ALLEN R. BONORDEN (From 12/26/46)

OFFICERS

City Clerk	FRED TOEGEL
City Treasurer	FRED T. JACOBS
Tax Collector	JOHN C. DILTS
Counsel to the Corporation	SALVADOR DIANA
City Engineer	H. EDWIN BUSH
City Judge	HENRY W. CLEMENT
Chief of Police	DANIEL J. GRAY
Chief of the Fire Department	PAUL P. ADAMS
City Physician	ABRAHAM STROM
Director of Welfare and Overseer of the Poor	CLIFFORD H. DURANT
Health Officer	ANDREW J. KROG
Supervisor of Municipal Finances and Accounts	ROSS R. DEARDORFF
Superintendent of Recreation	ROY O. SCHLENTER
Stenographer to the Common Council and Its Committees	ELFERT C. BURFEIND
City Court Clerk	S. MONROE STAATS

LOCAL ASSISTANCE BOARD

DAVID SCOTT FOSTER	Chairman
EDITH S. LUCE	Secretary
WILBUR C. CLARK	
PAUL G. DENNIS	
JOSEPH F. McCARRON	

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

WILLIAM WYMAN	First Ward
JOHN G. BICKNELL	Second Ward
CHESTER VAN CLEEF	Third Ward
CLARENCE BROUARD, Chairman	Fourth Ward
HARRY W. FARLEY	Principal Assessing Clerk

COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENTS

BERTRAM C. HETFIELD
ELLIOT M. SHUMLIN
JOHN P. O'KEEFE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

T. R. LOIZEAUX	President
FRANCIS A. SCHNEIDERS	Vice-President
CLINTON F. IVINS	
MRS. EDNA B. SHUSTER	
THOMAS J. KOEHLER (To 2/1/46)	
WEBSTER SANDFORD (From 2/1/46)	
GEORGE B. ZIMMER	Secretary

BOARD OF HEALTH

FREDERIC W. LATHROP, M. D.	President
R. STORY ROWLAND	1st Vice-President
ARCH M. PAULSON, M. D.	2nd Vice-President
WESTON GAVETT	
MRS. HOWARD J. RUNYON, JR.	
ANDREW J. KROG	Health Officer
SUSAN D. VAIL	Registrar of Vital Statistics and Principal Clerk

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

C. BOARDMAN TYLER	President
VAN TUYL BOUGHTON	Vice-President
C. NORTHROP POND	Treasurer
MRS. HARRY BROKAW SMITH	
MRS. WILLIAM S. LARE	
PERCY M. BROWN (To 12/16/46)	
JOHN I. HARVEY	
MRS. MERTON L. GRISWOLD	
DR. DOROTHY A. WALDO (From 1/7/46 to 6/30/46)	
CLARENCE M. CHASE, JR. (From 11/18/46)	
LUKE WHITE, JR.	Secretary to the Board

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

GEORGE W. ANDERSON	President
MRS. GARRET SMITH	Secretary
JOHN P. ROMER	
SYDNEY R. DURRANT	City Forester

BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS

ELIZABETH T. ARTHUR	President
DEWITT D. BARLOW, JR.	Vice-President
JOSEPH D'AGOSTINO	Secretary
FRANK H. BLATZ	Treasurer
ALEXANDER MONAGHAN, JR. (TO 10/15/46)	

SINKING FUND COMMISSION

JOHN A. GAFFNEY	President
FRED T. JACOBS	Secretary-Treasurer
LAWRENCE B. CAREY	
CHARLES E. LOIZEAUX	
DIXON C. PHILIPS, Mayor	

RESEARCH, ADVISORY AND CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

WILLIAM G. McDOWELL	Chairman
4 Vacancies	

PENSION COMMISSION

DIXON C. PHILIPS, Mayor	Chairman
FRED T. JACOBS, City Treasurer	Secretary-Treasurer
JOSEPH H. COTTLE	Representing the Police Department
PETER H. DAWSON	Representing the Fire Department
ANDREW H. STIGLITZ	Citizen

BOARD OF APPEALS (BUILDING DEPARTMENT)

CARL S. ROLLERSON	Chairman
JOHN F. KELLER	Secretary
THOMAS L. MELICK	
DEWITT RAPALJE	
ALFRED M. KOREFF	

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

STEPHEN EDGAR COLE	Chairman
VAN TUYL BOUGHTON	Secretary
ELLIOTT C. R. LAIDLAW	
PATRICK J. AIDALE	
E. KENDALL MORSE (To 4/1/46)	
LESLIE D. DAWSON (From 4/15/46)	

BOARD OF SCHOOL ESTIMATE

DIXON C. PHILIPS	Mayor
DELANO W. LADD	Member from Common Council
JOHN W. REGAN	Member from Common Council
T. R. LOIZEAUX	Member from Board of Education
FRANCIS A. SCHNEIDERS	Member from Board of Education

CITY OF PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY

1946

An attractive suburban community of 37,469 population (1940 U. S. Census), Plainfield is located 24 miles southwest of New York and immediately south of the stately Watchung Mountains. Covering an area of more than six square miles, it is in the western section of Union County. It is situated in a comparatively level section, with an elevation of 105 feet.

It is known as the "Queen City" of New Jersey and as a "City of Beautiful Trees" because of its unusually large number of well preserved and well cared for specimens. Pumped from artesian wells, it has an abundant supply of water that is always fresh and pure.

Plainfield has a mayor and councilmanic form of government. Two councilmen are elected from each of its four wards and three at-large, all serving without pay. Its citizens take an active interest in civic and school affairs. With use of land regulated by zoning, the city abounds in residential advantages and home building opportunities in beautiful surroundings. It is located convenient to seashore, mountains, lakes and metropolitan New York.

The 1940 Census indicates that 50.7 per cent of Plainfielders own their own homes; that 85.8 per cent of its homes are single dwellings, 11.3 per cent two-family dwellings, and 2.9 per cent multi-family dwellings. In process are several large garden apartments.

The Plainfield public school system is modern and progressive in every particular. There is a fine high school building, athletic field, and 11 elementary schools centrally located with respect to residential sections. Recreational facilities include 14 playgrounds, where trained supervisors direct a varied program of sports throughout the year.

In addition, Plainfield has three parochial schools, and, in or near the city are several of the East's outstanding day, boarding and private schools.

Cedar Brook Park and Green Brook Park, part of the Union County park system, have facilities for baseball, tennis, soccer, football, archery, lawn bowling, horseshoe pitching, band concerts, picnicking, cricket, field hockey, fishing and ice skating.

Congregations of every creed meet in dignified houses of worship and a spirit of friendship exists among the various denominations. Music, art and literature are represented by special organizations. There are several better than average amateur theatrical groups. The social life of the community is advanced by numerous clubs and fraternities. Character building and welfare agencies receive financial support from a Community Chest.

Railroad services are supplied by the Central Railroad of New Jersey, Baltimore and Ohio, and the Reading Company. Greyhound and Lakes-to-Sea bus lines pass through the city. Other bus transportation is provided by the Public Service Co-ordinated Transport, the Somerset Bus Company, Mount Bethel Bus Company, and the Summit-Plainfield Bus Company. Plainfield highways are U. S. 22, New Jersey 28 and 29.

While primarily residential in character with an excellent climate and noted for its civic and cultural advancement, Plainfield is the home of a number of substantial and well known industries whose principal products are automobile trucks and buses, printing presses, power tools, industrial adhesives, castings, gas meters, machinery, clothing, paper, wood and metal products and novelties. Including service plants and laboratories, there are 140 industrial establishments employing an estimated 6,500 persons with annual earnings of \$17,-550,000 peacetime. Relations between management and labor are better than normal, by far.

With excellent police and fire protection, Plainfield has more than 88 miles of well paved streets, more than 134 miles of sanitary and storm sewers, and an AA Moody credit rating.

The city also is the recognized business center for a trading area of more than 400 square miles which embraces 85 municipalities with a 189,151 total population. Of this, 20 per cent is of Union County, 15 per cent of Middlesex County, 90 per cent of Somerset County, 50 per cent of Hunterdon County, and 5 per cent of Morris County.

It is interesting to know that Plainfield ranks seventh best with a per capita of \$655.18 among retail sales for all cities in the United States of populations from 35,000 to 50,000, according to the 1940 U. S. Census.

There is a well developed, modern shopping district of 650 retail establishments, five banks, seven savings building and loan associations, four theatres, a strictly modern hotel and several small hotels, one daily and one weekly newspaper.

Plainfield has a well stocked, intelligently managed public library; its art gallery is the fourth oldest in the state. Its physicians and dentists are of high calibre and it is served by the widely known Muhlenberg Hospital.

There are several outstanding golf, field and gun clubs in Plainfield's immediate vicinity. The City maintains a paid, fully staffed department to supervise recreation throughout the year.

The movement of the public from the congested centers of great cities becomes more pronounced each year as people discover the healthfulness of suburban living, its restfulness, charms, and unbounded opportunities for outdoor recreation.

All these will be found in Plainfield.

Persons interested in residential information, business opportunities, or industrial plant locations are invited to communicate with the Chamber of Commerce of the Plainfields, 7 Watchung Avenue, Plainfield, N. J.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

January 1, 1947

To the Honorable Members of the
Plainfield Common Council

Gentlemen:

Custom dictates that, on this first day of the new year, I present to your Honorable Body an estimate of the state of affairs in Plainfield, together with suggestions for your consideration of the work to be accomplished. At the outset, I must say it is with intense pleasure that I view the task of our working together in the coming year. Many problems lie ahead of us, but I sincerely believe that we can find the proper solutions. We have the offer of help and assistance from a large number of fine Plainfield citizens. We are blessed with an excellent group of loyal workers on our City payroll. I believe we enjoy the general good will of the citizens of Plainfield. Surely then, only conditions beyond our control can possibly cause us to fail in attaining our aim to end the year 1947 by having helped to make Plainfield an even better place in which to live.

Over-all conditions in Plainfield today are good, and it seems the very least I can do at this time is to say to last year's Mayor, Common Council, City Employees, and all the many men and women who have so ably and freely served on City Boards and on private agencies, "We thank you for a long year of work well done."

At this moment Plainfield's bonded debt is less than \$2,800,000. and is being steadily reduced. The bonds of the City of Plainfield are very highly regarded and are eagerly sought by investors. Among New Jersey municipalities, Plainfield enjoys the highest credit. This is the cornerstone of our finance and of it we all are justly proud.

POST WAR RESERVE

The several Councils during the War Years wisely set aside a reserve fund during each of the last four years for future financing of war delayed capital improvements. It is my considered opinion that a portion of this reserve should be utilized this year toward making some of the improvements where postponement had been forced by war-time restrictions.

It is possible that some of our Plainfield citizens may have lost thought of the wisdom of our previous four Common Councils, through the years 1943, 1944, 1945, and 1946, in the husbanding of these reserve funds. Therefore, I take this opportunity publicly to congratulate and to thank those responsible and at the same time to pledge that the partial use of any of the war reserve will be only for the purpose originally intended.

HOUSING

I am happy to learn that the Emergency Housing Committee has made a second requisition for additional units to house temporarily our war veterans. If conditions show that more temporary units are required, they should be obtained. However, we all prefer to see our veterans permanently located in homes which they can own or rent. Therefore, as materials become more plentiful, we should assist our local realtors, builders and contractors in the erection of such dwellings.

Last year the Home Standards Committee made a thorough study of low cost housing and recommended that a Housing Authority be created. Affirmative action was not taken by last year's Common Council, and I suggest that it be again placed on the agenda of your next Finance Committee meeting.

About two weeks ago the Federal Government made a wide removal and easing of restrictions on building construction and announced a vigorous Federal housing program for 1947. This turns the problem of home construction over to private enterprise with virtually no restraints. There are many fine building sites within our City limits where new homes should be encouraged with preference given to veterans in sales and leases.

SHADE TREES

Plainfield is often referred to as the "City of Beautiful Trees" and a conservative estimate of the value of our city-supervised trees is upwards of two million dollars. These trees enhance the beauty of our streets and homes in all four wards, they stand as our best salesmen to develop new residential areas and they have a direct bearing on property values. During the war years, normal tree care was drastically hampered by the shortage of labor and materials. The 1944 hurricane destroyed or badly damaged several hundred of our fine

trees and caused injury to roots, trunks and limbs of many others still standing, so that they will require unusual care for years to come.

New trees must be planted and I am hoping that your Honorable Body will budget the additional funds necessary to further this important work. I am confident that money spent now on our shade trees will be reflected in increased ratables in years to come.

SIDEWALKS

Many of our sidewalks are in poor condition and no work has been done on them for a number of years. This condition must be corrected as uneven walks can cause injuries and their appearance is unsightly. A thorough inspection should be made by the Street Department and, where necessary, notification as to repair should be sent to property owners. There will be many cases where tree roots have forced up the paving slabs which will require co-ordination with the Shade Tree Commission in order to cut the roots properly. The individual cost to the property owner will not be large but the over-all appearance to the City will be greatly enhanced.

STREETS AND SEWERS DEPARTMENT

The most important and pressing problem of this Department at this time is the inadequacy of the sanitary sewer main in the southerly section of the City. This main, which was laid fifty years ago, drains an area of about 1100 acres and was designed to serve a population of 5,000. At the time of installation about 2,000 persons resided in the area. Today about 9,000 persons live in this section, so there is a heavy overload on this main. I fully concur with the 1946 Common Council's November Joint Meeting decision to employ a consulting engineer to redesign the City's sanitary sewer system.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In recent weeks the Common Council and the Board of Education have met in joint session to discuss their budget problems. This exchange of views has been most helpful to both. We all want Plainfield to enjoy the highest educational standard. An editorial in the Plainfield Courier-News, suggesting a committee of fifteen persons be formed to study our school problems and make recommendations, has received much favorable comment. There was not sufficient time to put this proposal into effect this year, so I suggest the Council and the Board of Education consider this or a similar plan and instruct their respective members on the Board of School Estimate of their desires with respect to the formation of a committee to study the subject of school salaries. If the decision favors a school committee, I, as the fifth member of the Board of School Estimate, will take the necessary steps to organize the committee.

RECREATION COMMISSION

In the planning and carrying out of a broad recreational program for the coming year, there is need for increased facilities in the West End. Given the necessary funds and councilmanic approval this commission will be a great power to better community relations in this important neighborhood. The Recreation Commission should also be allocated a sum of money in its budget for an appropriate Fourth of July celebration.

WAR MEMORIAL

Plainfield should have a war memorial and therefore I recommend that a World War II Memorial Committee, composed of two or three councilmen, together with representatives of the various service organizations and other citizen representation, be formed. This committee would be authorized to select the type of memorial which is best suited to serve Plainfield's present and future community needs, prepare plans for same, raise the necessary funds and see the project through to completion. I strongly favor a war memorial which will be a living instrument for community service, financed by private and organizational donations, as well as by City funds. Another task that this committee might undertake would be to gather the information necessary to strike off a bronze tablet giving a roster of the men and women who served in World War II and of those who gave their lives in the service of their country. This tablet should be similar to the World War I tablet in the City Hall entrance lobby.

In closing, I want to express again to your Honorable Body the pleasure with which I anticipate our joint endeavors during the coming year and to wish each of you gentlemen a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,
JOHN W. ZEREGA, Mayor.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER

December 31, 1946

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

The financial condition of Plainfield is considered one of the best in the State of New Jersey. It enjoys an AA Moody's Rating. For a number of years it was one of three municipalities in the State to enjoy this rating, and has now been joined in that rating by approximately ten other municipalities.

The consolidated comparative balance sheets reflect the financial condition as of January 1, 1946 and December 31, 1946.

The Cash and Investment Securities in hand on December 31, 1946 pledged to these accounts in the amount of \$1,484,674.89 are separately analyzed.

CURRENT ACCOUNT-EXHIBIT A

The 1946 Budget of Revenues and Expenditures which are exhibited in detail shows excess budget revenues collected in the amount of \$186,934.43 in addition to approximately \$116,000.00 of non-anticipated revenues.

Of the total budget for expenditures of \$2,887,901.26 there was disbursed in cash \$2,304,280.50 leaving a balance of \$590,155.76 of which \$480,505.50 is due the local school system to June 30, 1947, and \$109,650.26 carried as a reserve for unpaid bills to December 31, 1946.

Tax collections for the year showed considerable improvement; there were taxes unpaid at the close of the year in the amount of \$146,767.86 as against \$204,711.46 for the preceding year.

For more than twenty years the tax rate per \$100.00 valuation fluctuated between the low rate in 1933 of \$3.34 and the high rate of \$4.38 in 1946.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT-EXHIBIT B

The better part of all improvement costs authorized and financed by ordinance through bonds issued are against future taxation. Estimated costs authorized in 1946 were \$167,200.00. Estimated Bond issue—\$142,300.00
Bonded Indebtedness on December 31, 1946:

School Bonds	\$	967,000.00
Less: Sinking Fund Pledged		112,443.94
Net School Debt		854,556.06
General Serial Bonds		1,795,000.00
Net Bonded Debt	\$	2,649,556.06
3 year average Taxable valuation of Real Estate	\$51,843,908.00.	
Net Debt percentage	5.11%	
Permissible Debt General	7%	
Permissible Debt School	6%	
Permissible Debt Total	13%	

Respectfully submitted,
ROSS R. DEARDORFF,
Supervisor of Municipal
Finances and Accounts

CONSOLIDATED COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEETS

	as of	
	January 1st, 1946	December 31st, 1946
ASSETS—CURRENT ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT A		
Cash—General	\$ 104,221.59	\$ 297,900.41
Cash—Dog Fund—Chapter 151 P. L. 1941.....	9,476.19	9,141.45
U. S. Government Securities	625,000.00	625,000.00
Petty Cash Account	220.00	220.00
Taxes Receivable Including Tax Title Liens	204,711.46	146,767.86
Foreclosed Tax Title Liens and Property acquired by deed	149,957.00	84,504.05
Notes Receivable (from Capital Account)		26,580.00
Emergency Revenues	2,750.00	9,285.00
	<u>\$1,096,336.24</u>	<u>\$1,199,398.77</u>
ASSETS—CAPITAL ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT B		
Cash	\$ 45,415.20	\$ 58,373.10
Investment Public Work Reserve	126,000.00	152,000.00
Cost of Improvements in Progress	1,438.01	64,746.06
Improvements Authorized and Uncompleted	19,561.99	120,953.94
Estimated Proceeds of Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes		
Authorized but not issued	19,245.82	81,920.82
Amount in Sinking Fund	110,593.00	112,443.94
Advance to Joint Sewer Commission	8,500.00	8,500.00
Deferred charges to Future Taxation Bonded	2,912,407.00	2,649,556.06
	<u>\$3,243,161.02</u>	<u>\$3,248,493.92</u>
ASSETS—TRUST ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT C		
Cash	\$ 11,515.27	\$ 9,949.56
Assessments Receivable	43.07	
Investments—Insurance Fund	10,000.00	15,000.00
	<u>\$ 21,558.34</u>	<u>\$ 24,949.56</u>
ASSETS—WELFARE-RELIEF ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT D		
Cash	\$ 19,658.61	\$ 17,563.04
ASSETS—PENSION COMMISSION—POLICE AND FIRE—EXHIBIT E		
Cash	\$ 4,902.07	\$ 6,170.08
Bonds and Mortgages	26,375.00	19,133.31
U. S. Government Bonds	140,300.00	109,500.00
City of Plainfield Notes and Bonds	9,000.00	52,500.00
	<u>\$ 180,577.07</u>	<u>\$ 187,303.39</u>
ASSETS—SINKING FUND COMMISSION—EXHIBIT F		
Cash	\$ 3,793.00	\$ 5,643.94
City of Plainfield Notes and Bonds	40,000.00	40,000.00
U. S. Treasury Bonds	66,800.00	66,800.00
	<u>\$ 110,593.00</u>	<u>\$ 112,443.94</u>
LIABILITIES—CURRENT ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT A		
1945 Budget Reserves	\$ 66,355.27	
1945 Contracts Payable		1,639.15
1946 General Budget		109,650.26
Local School Tax Payable	429,288.50	480,505.50
Dedicated Recreation Fund	410.33	1,695.69
Payable and Fund Accounts	2,236.25	3,014.99
Dog Fund Account	9,476.19	9,141.45
Prepaid Revenues and Deposits	1,097.75	308.00
Reserves For:		
Taxes and Tax Title Liens	204,711.46	146,767.86
Foreclosed Property	149,957.00	84,504.05
Petty Cash Fund	220.00	220.00
For fund Advanced to Capital Account		26,580.00
Surplus Revenue Cash	232,583.49	335,371.82
	<u>\$1,096,336.24</u>	<u>\$1,199,398.77</u>

	January 1st, 1946	as of December 31st, 1946
LIABILITIES—CAPITAL ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT B		
Term Bonds—School	\$ 194,000.00	\$ 191,000.00
Serial Bonds—School	880,000.00	776,000.00
Serial Bonds—General	1,949,000.00	1,795,000.00
Improvement Notes Payable		77,080.00
Improvement Appropriations	19,561.99	120,953.94
Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes Authorized but not issued	19,245.82	81,920.82
Deposit with Joint Sewer Commission	8,500.00	8,500.00

RESERVE ACCOUNTS		
Reserve for Down Payments and Capital Improvement Fund R.S. 40: 1-12....	28,646.58	18,599.16
Down Payments Pledged	1,754.18	11,703.68
Public Works Reserve Appropriation Chapter 187 P. L. 1942	126,920.15	152,204.02
Deposit by County of Union	15,000.00	15,000.00
Capital Surplus	532.30	532.30
	<u>\$3,243,161.02</u>	<u>\$3,248,493.92</u>

LIABILITIES—TRUST ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT C		
Reserve for Assessments Receivable	\$ 43.07	
Assessment Cash Surplus	6,388.72	\$ 6,431.79
Reserve for Compensation Insurance	14,190.30	17,656.42
Miscellaneous Trust Funds	936.25	861.35
	<u>\$ 21,558.34</u>	<u>\$ 24,949.56</u>

LIABILITIES—WELFARE-RELIEF ACCOUNT—EXHIBIT D		
Accounts Payable	\$ 958.91	\$ 1,523.64
Reserve for Relief	18,699.70	16,039.40
	<u>\$ 19,658.61</u>	<u>\$ 17,563.04</u>

LIABILITIES—PENSION COMMISSION—POLICE AND FIRE—EXHIBIT E		
Value of Pension Fund	\$ 180,577.07	\$ 187,303.39

LIABILITIES—SINKING FUND COMMISSION—EXHIBIT F		
Sinking Fund Requirements	\$ 107,355.05	\$ 109,911.49
Surplus	3,237.95	2,532.45
	<u>\$ 110,593.00</u>	<u>\$ 112,443.94</u>

CASH AND INVESTMENT SECURITIES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1946

CASH ACCOUNTS	Ref.	Cash in Bank 12/31/1946
Current Account	A	\$297,900.41
Dog Account	A	9,141.45
Capital Account	B	58,373.10
Trust Account	C	9,949.56
Welfare Account	D	17,563.04
Pension Commission	E	6,170.08
Sinking Fund Commission	F	5,643.94
		<u>\$404,741.58</u>

INVESTMENT SECURITIES DECEMBER 31, 1946

	U. S. Government Bonds	Plainfield Notes and Bonds	Bond and Mortgages	Total
Current Account	\$625,000.00			\$ 625,000.00
Capital Account	152,000.00			152,000.00
Trust Account	15,000.00			15,000.00
Pension Commission	109,500.00	52,500.00	19,133.31	181,133.31
Sinking Fund Commission	66,800.00	40,000.00		106,800.00
	<u>\$968,300.00</u>	<u>\$92,500.00</u>	<u>\$19,133.31</u>	<u>\$1,079,933.31</u>

SUMMARY	
Cash Accounts	\$ 404,741.58
Investment Securities	1,079,933.31
Total Cash and Investment Securities	<u>\$1,484,674.89</u>

STATEMENT OF 1946 BUDGET REVENUES

GENERAL REVENUES

	1946 Budget	Cash in 1946	Cash Revenues Cash From Prior Years	Deficit* Excess Revenues
1. Surplus Revenue Cash Appropriated	\$200,000.00		\$200,000.00	
2. Miscellaneous Revenues				
a Licenses	31,500.00	35,183.50		3,827.50
b Fees and Permits	7,800.00	13,730.93	144.00	5,930.93
c Fines (Police Court)	4,200.00	5,783.15		1,583.15
d Interest and Cost on Taxes	12,000.00	12,522.45		522.45
e Bus Receipts Tax	12,000.00	14,622.39		2,622.39
f Motor Fuel, Tax Refund	1,000.00	1,236.57		236.57
g Rent of Municipal Property	3,000.00	3,888.62		888.62
h Franchise Tax	105,000.00	117,950.19		12,950.19
i Gross Receipts Tax	46,000.00	53,630.10		7,630.10
j Second Class R.R. Taxes and Railroad Franchise Tax	14,500.00	11,939.44		2,560.56*
3. Total Miscellaneous Revenues	\$227,000.00	A-1 \$270,487.34	A8-1 \$ 144.00	\$33,631.34
4. Receipts from Delinquent Taxes	142,000.00	182,215.77		40,215.77
5. Total of items 1, 3, and 4	\$579,000.00	\$452,703.11	\$200,144.00	\$73,847.11
6. Amount to be raised by taxation				
a Local Purpose Tax				
b Local District School Tax				
c County Tax				
d District Court Tax				
e State School Tax				
Sub Total		\$2,543,944.47		
Less: Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		235,043.21		
Required Tax Collections				
7. Total of General Budget Revenues	2,308,901.26	2,421,988.58		113,087.32
	\$2,887,901.26	\$2,874,691.69	\$200,144.00	\$186,934.43

EMERGENCY REVENUES

Memorial Day Expense	200.00			200.00*
Recreation Commission	1,760.00			1,760.00*
Installation of Parking Meters	6,000.00			6,000.00*
Premiums on Automobile Liability & Property Damage Insurance	1,325.00			1,325.00*
	9,285.00			9,285.00*
Grand Total Budget Revenues Including Emergency Revenues	\$2,897,186.26	\$2,874,691.69	\$200,144.00	\$177,649.43

STATEMENT OF 1946 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Item No.		1946 Budget	Transfers		Emergency Appropriation	Final Appropriation	Expended by	
			To	From			Paid or Charged	Reserved
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 114,995.72	\$ 2,109.80	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 115,830.52	\$ 107,906.65	\$ 7,923.87
	OFFICE OF THE MAYOR & GOVERNING BODY							
1a	Salaries and Wages	2,260.00				2,260.00	2,260.00	
1b	Other Expenses	73.00				73.00	47.76	25.24
	PRINTING YEARLY REPORT & ADVERTISING							
2b	Other Expenses	1,350.00				1,350.00	1,170.23	179.77
3b	League of Municipalities—Dues	247.00				247.00	247.00	
	RESEARCH, ADVISORY & CITY PLANNING COMMISSION							
4b	Other Expenses	500.00				500.00	15.00	485.00
	OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK							
5a	Salaries and Wages	9,580.00	227.50			9,807.50	9,807.50	
5b	Other Expenses	1,154.00	200.00			1,354.00	862.76	491.24
	ASSESSING DEPARTMENT							
6a	Salaries and Wages—Regular	8,580.00				8,580.00	8,580.00	
6a1	Salaries and Wages—Extra Help	1,100.00	200.00			1,300.00	1,184.04	115.96
6b	Other Expenses	846.00				846.00	767.27	78.73
	TAX DEPARTMENT							
7a	Salaries and Wages—Regular	10,842.22				10,842.22	10,842.22	
7a1	Salaries and Wages—Extra	1,600.00	400.00			2,000.00	1,411.24	588.76
7b	Other Expenses	3,690.00				3,690.00	3,577.27	112.73
	ANNUAL AUDIT							
9b	Other Expenses	1,900.00	8.70			1,908.70	1,908.70	
	DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE							
10a	Salaries and Wages	12,780.00				12,780.00	12,719.33	60.67
10b	Other Expenses	1,027.00				1,027.00	867.50	159.50
	INSURANCE							
11b	Fire	1,200.00	562.55			1,762.55	1,762.55	
11b1	Automobile Liability & Property Damage	2,000.00				3,325.00	3,305.01	19.99
11b2	Workmen's Compensation Insurance	500.00	4.09		1,325.00	504.09	504.09	
12b	Surety Bonds for Employees	3,100.00	17.42			3,117.42	3,117.42	
	ELECTION EXPENSES							
13b	Other Expenses	1,850.00		100.00		1,750.00	1,744.43	5.57
	LEGAL							
14a	Salaries and Wages	5,600.00				5,600.00	5,600.00	
14b	Other Expenses	350.00				350.00	278.78	71.22
	BOND ATTORNEY'S BOND ISSUE EXPENSES							
14b1	Other Expenses	100.00				100.00		100.00
	ENGINEERING							
15a	Salaries and Wages	13,005.00		2,500.00		10,505.00	9,822.30	682.70
15b	Other Expenses	345.00	300.00			645.00	427.47	217.53
	PUBLIC BUILDINGS & GROUNDS—CITY HALL & PARKS							
16a	Salaries and Wages	6,120.00	49.54			6,169.54	6,169.54	
16b	Other Expenses	3,973.50				3,973.50	3,453.08	520.42
	WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS							
16b1	Other Expenses	2,500.00				2,500.00	15.00	2,485.00

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Item No.		1946 Budget	Transfers		Emergency Appropriation	Final Appropriation	Expended by	
			To	From			Paid or Charged	Reserved
	WELFARE HOUSE	484.00				484.00	318.22	165.78
16b2	Other Expenses							
	ZONING (BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT)	390.00	20.00			410.00	410.00	.22
17a	Salaries and Wages	125.00	120.00			245.00	244.78	
17b	Other Expenses							
	BOARD OF APPEALS	100.00				100.00	100.00	20.00
18a	Salaries and Wages	20.00				20.00		
18b	Other Expenses							
	SHADE TREE COMMISSION	9,618.00				9,618.00	8,771.90	846.10
19a	Salaries and Wages	1,886.00				1,886.00	1,394.26	491.74
19b	Other Expenses							
	CITY COURT	4,200.00				4,200.00	4,200.00	
20a	Salaries and Wages	444,562.03	400.00	3,100.00		441,862.03	409,101.53	32,760.50
	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY							
	FIRE							
30a	Salaries and Wages	147,440.18				147,440.18	143,491.30	3,948.88
30b	Other Expenses—Including Repairs to Buildings	11,871.00				11,871.00	8,895.92	2,975.08
31b	Fire Hydrants	62,871.00				62,871.00	47,170.90	15,700.10
	PARENT-CHILD ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE							
32a	Salaries and Wages	3,500.00		1,100.00		2,400.00	2,311.25	88.75
32b	Other Expenses	310.00				310.00	278.65	31.35
	POLICE							
33a	Salaries and Wages—Regular	160,688.75				160,688.75	155,821.65	4,867.10
33a1	Salaries and Wages—Irrregular	3,488.00				3,488.00	3,072.00	416.00
33b	Other Expenses—Including Repairs to Building	15,893.00				15,893.00	14,424.61	1,468.39
	TRAFFIC SIGNS & ROAD MARKINGS							
34a	Salaries and Wages	2,100.00	110.00			2,210.00	2,201.03	8.97
34b	Other Expenses	600.00	190.00			790.00	784.63	5.37
	SIGNAL SYSTEM—FIRE, POLICE & TRAFFIC							
35a	Salaries and Wages	5,345.00				5,345.00	5,203.07	141.93
35b	Other Expenses	7,864.70				7,864.70	5,986.85	1,877.87
36b	Pension—Fire & Police	14,500.00				14,500.00	13,463.27	1,036.73
	INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS							
37a	Salaries and Wages	7,720.00		2,000.00		5,720.00	5,554.52	165.48
37b	Other Expenses	370.40	100.00			470.40	441.90	28.50
	STREETS AND ROADS	129,643.62	4,000.00	4,000.00		129,643.62	95,184.08	34,459.54
	STREETS & ROADS—REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE							
40a	Salaries and Wages	37,200.00		3,800.00		33,400.00	29,212.84	4,187.16
40b	Other Expenses	30,443.62	4,000.00			34,443.62	19,129.83	15,313.79
	SNOW REMOVAL							
41a	Salaries and Wages	7,500.00				7,500.00	2,170.83	5,329.17
41b	Other Expenses	10,000.00		200.00		10,000.00	4,119.06	5,880.94
42b	Street Lighting	44,500.00				44,300.00	40,551.52	3,748.48

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Item No.	1946 Budget	Transfers		Emergency Appropriation	Final Appropriation	Expended by	
		To	From			Paid or Charged	Reserved
SANITATION	68,992.00	3,900.00	500.00		72,392.00	67,044.60	5,347.40
STREET CLEANING							
45a Salaries and Wages	5,000.00	1,800.00			6,800.00	5,778.05	1,021.95
45b Other Expenses	4,479.90	800.00			5,279.90	5,053.14	226.76
SEWERS							
46a Salaries and Wages	13,145.00	1,300.00			14,445.00	14,157.87	287.13
46b Other Expenses	10,317.10				10,317.10	6,519.25	3,797.85
47b Joint Sewage Disposal Plant	36,050.00		500.00		35,550.00	35,536.29	13.71
HEALTH AND CHARITIES	88,742.72				88,742.72	87,618.84	1,123.88
BOARD OF HEALTH							
50a Salaries and Wages—Regular	20,720.00				20,720.00	20,558.48	161.52
50a1 Salaries and Wages—Clinician	200.00				200.00		
50b Other Expenses—Regular	4,394.72				4,394.72	4,241.54	153.18
50b1 Other Expenses—Child Hygiene	750.00				750.00	750.00	
50b2 Other Expenses—Joint Nursing Service	2,400.00				2,400.00	2,400.00	
50b3 Other Expenses—Communicable Disease Diagnostic Service	150.00				150.00		150.00
50b4 Other Expenses—Venereal Disease Control Service	2,500.00				2,500.00		
WELFARE ADMINISTRATION							
52a Salaries and Wages—Regular	9,120.00				9,120.00	8,657.26	462.74
52a1 Salaries and Wages—City Physician	1,500.00				1,500.00	1,500.00	
52b Other Expenses	1,508.00				1,508.00	1,311.56	196.44
NURSING AND INFANT WELFARE SERVICE							
52b1 Other Expenses—Visiting Nurse Association	3,500.00				3,500.00	3,500.00	
53 Poor Relief	12,000.00				12,000.00		
HOSPITALS (AID AND MAINTENANCE)							
50b Muhlenberg Hospital	30,000.00				30,000.00		
RECREATION AND EDUCATION	59,000.00	3,702.13	3,702.13		59,000.00	54,802.96	4,197.04
PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS—RECREATION COMMISSION							
60a Salaries and Wages—Regular	8,280.00	502.13			8,782.13	8,782.13	
60a1 Salaries and Wages—Regular	9,076.00				8,107.22	466.65	
60b Other Expenses	3,644.00				3,644.00	2,893.62	750.38
PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY							
61a Salaries and Wages	30,000.00		3,200.00		26,800.00	26,797.47	2.53
61b Other Expenses	8,000.00	3,200.00			11,200.00	8,222.52	2,977.48
UNCLASSIFIED PURPOSES	50,223.48				50,223.48	47,688.12	2,535.36
62b Payment of Claims—Memorial Day Expenses	300.00		209.80	200.00	500.00	500.00	
62b1 Joint Veterans' Service Council	4,531.48				4,531.48		
STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR CITY EMPLOYEES							
63b1 Current Contributions	593.00				593.00		
63b1 Accrued Liability	3,209.00				3,209.00		
63b1 Pensioners: R. S. 43:12-1	840.00				840.00		
65a Bonus for Employees	40,750.00		209.80		40,540.20	38,014.64	2,525.56
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	11,500.00				11,500.00		
1,000-Gallon Pumping Engine	11,500.00				11,500.00		
TOTAL OF 8(a) ITEMS	967,659.57	14,111.93	14,111.93	1,525.00	969,184.57		
(b) CONTINGENT	5,000.00				5,000.00	2,700.30	2,299.70
Contingent	5,000.00				5,000.00	2,700.30	2,299.70

STATEMENT OF 1946 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

Item No.	1946 Budget	Transfers		Emergency Appropriation	Final Appropriation	Paid or Charged		Reserved
		To	From					
EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS								
	Parking Meters			7,760.00	7,760.00	547.23	7,212.77	
	Recreation Commission—Purchase of Bleachers			6,000.00	6,000.00	547.23	5,452.77	
SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS—APPROPRIATIONS								
	SALARIES AND WAGES			1,760.00	1,760.00		1,760.00	
OTHER EXPENSES								
	TOTAL OPERATIONS				598,548.15			
	(c) DEBT SERVICE			9,285.00	383,396.42			
	(1) MUNICIPAL DEBT SERVICE			9,285.00	981,944.57			
	Payment of Bonds				236,247.00	235,947.00	300.00	300.00
	Interest on Current Loans				154,000.00	154,000.00		300.00
	Interest on Bonds				300.00			
	(2) ARTICLE VI SCHOOL DEBT SERVICE				81,947.00	81,947.00		
	Payment of Bonds				147,916.50	147,916.50		
	Sinking Fund Requirements				104,000.00	104,000.00		
	Interest on Bonds				1,800.00	1,800.00		
	(e) DEFICITS AND STATUTORY EXPENDITURES				42,116.50	42,116.50		
	Emergency Revenues				2,750.00	2,750.00		
	(f) JUDGEMENTS				2,750.00	2,750.00		
	(g) CASH DEFICITS				None			
	(h) MANDATORY TAXES				1,499,328.19	1,018,822.69	480,505.50	480,505.50
	Local City School Tax				961,011.00	961,011.00		
	County Tax				408,455.08	408,455.08		
	District Court Tax				6,417.56	6,417.56		
	State School Tax				123,444.55	123,444.55		
	(i) RESERVES				29,000.00	29,000.00		
	Reserve for Compensation Insurance				5,000.00	5,000.00		
	Public Works Reserve Chapter 187 P. L. 1942				24,000.00	24,000.00		
TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$2,887,901.26	\$14,111.93	\$14,111.93	\$9,285.00	\$2,897,186.26	\$2,307,030.50	\$590,155.76

SUMMARY

By Cash—Budget	\$1,823,775.00
By Cash—School Account	480,505.50
By Journal	\$2,304,280.50
Reserved:	
For School Account	480,505.50
Reserved Appropriation	109,650.26
	\$2,307,030.50
	590,155.76
	\$2,897,186.26

STATEMENT OF TAXES RECEIVABLE FOR 1946

	Outstanding Jan. 1, 1946	Added and 1946 Levy	Remitted in 1946	Tax Title Liens	Foreclosed Property	Balance Before Cash Payments	Collected in 1946	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946	Over payment	Refunds
1937 Taxes		\$ 15.60				\$ 15.60	\$ 15.60			
1938 Taxes	\$ 97.20					97.20	25.50	71.70		
1939 Taxes	117.88					117.88	21.05	96.83		
1940 Taxes	438.04					438.04	130.42	307.62		
1941 Taxes	683.96					683.96	174.37	509.59		
1942 Taxes	1,052.68					1,052.68	312.04	740.64		
1943 Taxes	1,508.95	4.12				1,513.07	409.75	1,103.32		
1944 Taxes	3,789.03	8.40				3,797.43	1,640.10	2,157.33		
1945 Taxes	142,566.68	6.35	126.90	56.91		142,389.22	135,245.64	7,143.58	92.91	91.91
2nd Class Railroad Taxes										
1932 to 1942 Inclusive	41,070.75	478.89)								
1943		16.66)	832.89			40,751.78	40,751.78			
1944		18.37)								
Tax Title Liens	\$191,325.17	\$ 548.39	\$ 959.79	\$ 56.91		\$ 190,856.86	\$ 178,726.25	\$ 12,130.61		
	13,386.29	1,481.15	22.67		3,547.23	11,297.54	3,489.52	7,808.02		
	\$204,711.46	\$ 2,029.54	\$ 982.46	56.91	3,547.23	202,154.40	182,215.77	19,938.63	92.91	91.91
1946 Real & Personal Taxes		2,549,576.59	6,009.73	1,377.75	214.62	2,541,974.49	A1	126,829.23	1,074.13	1,051.13
1946 Bank Stock Tax		6,843.32				6,843.32	6,843.32			
	\$204,711.46	\$2,558,449.45	\$ 6,992.19	\$1,434.66	\$3,761.85	\$2,750,972.21	\$2,604,204.35	\$146,767.86	\$ 1,167.04	\$ 1,143.04
	A						A1	A		Bal. 24.00
1946 Franchise Taxes		117,950.19				117,950.19	117,950.19			
1946 Gross Receipts Taxes ...		53,630.10				53,630.10	53,630.10			
		\$ 171,580.29				\$ 171,580.29	\$ 171,580.29			

CURRENT ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATION

	Debit	Credit
Excess in Required Tax Collections		\$113,087.32
1945 Appropriation Balances		28,154.78
Cancellation of Outstanding Checks		
1944		4.32
1945		15.64
Forfeited Deposits on Sale of City Property		258.75
Overpayment of Taxes in 1945		7.12
Profit on Gas and Oil—1946 Account		459.27
Miscellaneous Revenues Anticipated		33,631.34
Receipts from Delinquent Taxes		40,215.77
Miscellaneous Revenues Not Anticipated		18,378.55
Sale of City Property		96,786.02
Refund on Taxes paid in prior years	\$ 279.18	
State and County's Share of 1946 added Taxes	1,351.37	
Capital Account borrowed from Current Account on Notes	26,580.00	
Balance to Surplus Revenue	302,788.33	
	<u>\$330,998.88</u>	<u>\$330,998.88</u>

SURPLUS REVENUE ACCOUNT

	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1946		\$232,583.49
1946 Budget Appropriation	\$200,000.00	
Balance from Budget Operation		302,788.33
Balance December 31, 1946	335,371.82	
	<u>\$535,371.82</u>	<u>\$535,371.82</u>

STATEMENT OF FORECLOSED PROPERTY

	Reference	Debit	Credit
Balance January 1, 1946	A	\$149,957.00	
1946 Taxes Transferred	All	214.62	
Tax Title Liens Transferred	All	3,547.23	
1946 Cash Outlay	Appro. Charge	2,682.54	
1946 Gain on Sales	35,413.37		
1946 Loss on Sales	10,524.69		
1946 Net Gain on Sale		24,888.68	
1946 Gross Sales	99,008.50		
Less:			
Commissions Paid	\$2,782.48		
Refund of Deposits	95.00		
Deposits Forfeited	258.75		
	A1	3,136.23	
1945 Deposits Credit			913.75
Balance December 31, 1946	A		84,504.05
		<u>\$181,290.07</u>	<u>\$181,290.07</u>

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR BONDS

***All principal and interest due on January 1st is paid from budget of preceding year on December 31st**

Title or Purpose of Issue	Total Amount Issued	Date of Issue	Amount Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946	Amount of Maturity	Date of Maturity	Rate of Interest	For Principal Numbers	1947 REQUIREMENTS		Total Interest Requirements
								Amount	For Interest 1st Half 2nd Half	
SCHOOL TERM BONDS										
Darrow Avenue School	95,000.	July 1, 1908	79,000.	79,000.	July 1, 1958	4½			1,777.50	*1,777.50
Jefferson School	45,000.	Nov. 1, 1909	13,000.	13,000.	Nov. 1, 1959	4			260.00	260.00
Evergreen School	96,000.	Mar. 1, 1915	80,000.	1,000.	Mar. 1, 1947-54 Mar. 1, 1955-56 Mar. 1, 1957-61 Mar. 1, 1962-64 Mar. 1, 1965	4½		3,000.00	1,800.00	1,732.50
Emerson Avenue School	30,000.	June 1, 1916	19,000.	2,000.	June 1, 1955-57 June 1, 1960-61 June 1, 1962-63 June 1, 1965	4½		3,000.	427.50 4,265.00	427.50 4,197.50
TOTAL SCHOOL TERM BONDS										
			191,000.							
SCHOOL SERIAL BONDS										
High School—3rd Issue	230,000.	Jan. 1, 1913	124,000.	9,000.	Jan. 1, 1948-60 Jan. 1, 1961	4½	107—115	*9,000.	2,790.00	*2,790.00
Jefferson School	270,000.	June 1, 1922	55,000.	10,000.	June 1, 1947-51 June 1, 1952	4½	216—225	10,000.	1,237.50	1,012.50
Evergreen School	113,000.	May 1, 1922	22,000.	4,000.	May 1, 1947-51 May 1, 1952	4½	92—95	4,000.	495.00	405.00
Emerson Ave. School—2nd Issue ...	134,000.	Aug. 15, 1919	4,000.	4,000.	Aug. 15, 1947	5	131—134	4,000.	100.00	100.00
East 7th Street School	233,000.	July 1, 1924	106,000.	7,000.	July 1, 1947-61 July 1, 1962	4½	128—134	7,000.	2,385.00	*2,227.50
Maxson School—Furnishings & Land				1,000.						4,612.50
High School Field	78,000.	June 1, 1925	38,000.	2,000.	June 1, 1947-51 June 1, 1952-60 June 1, 1961	4½	41—42	2,000.	855.00	810.00
West 8th Street School	430,000.	June 1, 1927	155,000.	20,000.	June 1, 1947-53 June 1, 1954	4½	276—295	20,000.	3,293.75	2,868.75
Maxson School Addition	95,000.	Dec. 1, 1927	5,000.	5,000.	Dec. 1, 1947	4¼	91—95	5,000.	106.25	106.25
School Emerson & High	537,000.	June 1, 1929	82,000.	22,000.	June 1, 1947-48 June 1, 1949	5	456—475	30,000.	2,050.00	1,300.00
School Leland & Farragut	275,000.	Dec. 1, 1938	185,000.	13,000.	Dec. 1, 1947-48 Dec. 1, 1949-51 Dec. 1, 1952-57 Dec. 1, 1958					
				14,000.						
				15,000.						
				16,000.						
				11,000.						
TOTAL SCHOOL SERIAL BONDS										
			776,000.			2.2	91—103	13,000.	2,035.00	2,035.00
								104,000.	15,347.50	13,655.00
										29,002.50

DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR BONDS

Title or Purpose of Issue	DEBT SERVICE SCHEDULE FOR BONDS						1947 REQUIREMENTS			Total Interest Requirements
	Total Amount Issued	Date of Issue	Amount Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946	Amount of Maturity	Date of Maturity	Rate of Interest	For Principal Numbers	For Interest		
								1st Half	2nd Half	
GENERAL SERIAL BONDS										
Sewer—6th Issue	216,000.	Dec. 1, 1919	54,000.	6,000.	Dec. 1, 1947-55	5	163—168	6,000.	1,350.00	2,700.00
Joint Sewer—3rd Issue	145,000.	Apr. 1, 1914	71,000.	15,000.	Apr. 1, 1947-50					
				11,000.	Apr. 1, 1951	4½	180—194	15,000.	1,597.50	2,857.50
Joint Sewer—4th Issue	36,000.	Apr. 1, 1914	36,000.	4,000.	Apr. 1, 1951					
				15,000.	Apr. 1, 1952-53					
				2,000.	Apr. 1, 1954	5			900.00	1,800.00
City Hall	200,000.	Dec. 1, 1919	70,000.	5,000.	Dec. 1, 1947-48					
				6,000.	Dec. 1, 1949-58	5	131—135	5,000.	1,750.00	3,500.00
General Improvement	117,000.	July 1, 1924	16,000.	5,000.	July 1, 1947-48					
				6,000.	July 1, 1949	4½	102—106	5,000.	360.00	607.50
Public Improvement	300,000.	Nov. 1, 1924	122,000.	10,000.	Nov. 1, 1947-58					
				2,000.	Nov. 1, 1959	4½	179—188	10,000.	2,745.00	5,490.00
General Improvement	559,000.	June 1, 1926	209,000.	20,000.	June 1, 1947-48					
				22,000.	June 1, 1949-55					
				15,000.	June 1, 1956	4½	351—370	20,000.	4,702.50	8,955.00
Public Improvement	719,000.	June 1, 1929	379,000.	20,000.	June 1, 1947-50					
				25,000.	June 1, 1951-61					
				24,000.	June 1, 1962	4¾	341—360	20,000.	9,001.25	17,527.50
Public Improvement	589,000.	June 1, 1930	269,000.	20,000.	June 1, 1947-50					
				25,000.	June 1, 1951-57					
				14,000.	June 1, 1958	4½	321—340	20,000.	6,052.50	11,655.00
Street Paving—E. 5th St.	19,000.	Dec. 1, 1937	1,000.	1,000.	Dec. 1, 1947	3½	19	1,000.	17.50	35.00
Drainage Sewer	495,000.	Feb. 1, 1934	315,000.	20,000.	Feb. 1, 1947-61					
				15,000.	Feb. 1, 1962	4¾	181—200	20,000.	7,481.25	14,487.50
General Public Improvement	110,000.	Mar. 1, 1934	11,000.	9,000.	Mar. 1, 1947					
				2,000.	Mar. 1, 1948	4	100—108	9,000.	220.00	260.00
Storm Sewer	13,000.	Dec. 1, 1937	4,000.	1,000.	Dec. 1, 1947-50	3½	10	1,000.	70.00	140.00
Joint Sewer	37,000.	Dec. 1, 1937	10,000.	3,000.	Dec. 1, 1947-49					
				1,000.	Dec. 1, 1950	3½	28—30	3,000.	175.00	350.00
Sewer	365,000.	Dec. 1, 1938	228,000.	18,000.	Dec. 1, 1947-52					
				20,000.	Dec. 1, 1953-58	2.2	138—155	18,000.	2,508.00	5,016.00
TOTAL GENERAL SERIAL BONDS			1,795,000.					153,000.	38,930.50	75,381.00

1947 REQUIREMENTS

FOR PRINCIPAL

SUMMARY		Bonds Outstanding Dec. 31, 1946	General Appropriation	Appropriation For Dedicated Purposes	FOR INTEREST 1st Half	FOR INTEREST 2nd Half	Total Interest
School Term Bonds		\$ 191,000.00		\$3,000.00	\$ 4,265.00	\$ 4,197.50	\$ 8,462.50
School Serial Bonds		776,000.00	104,000.00		15,347.50	13,655.00	29,002.50
Total School Bonds		967,000.00	104,000.00	3,000.00	19,612.50	17,852.50	37,465.00
General Serial Bonds		1,795,000.00	153,000.00		38,930.50	36,450.50	75,381.00
Grand Total		\$2,762,000.00	\$257,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$58,543.00	\$54,303.00	\$112,846.00

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

CITY OF PLAINFIELD

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR 1946

1932-42 2nd Class R.R. Tax	\$ 40,751.78	
1937 Taxes, Personal	15.60	
1938 Taxes, Personal	25.50	
1939 Taxes, Personal	21.05	
1940 Taxes, Personal	130.42	
1941 Taxes, Personal	174.37	
1942 Taxes, Personal	312.04	
1943 Taxes, Personal	409.75	
1944 Taxes, Personal	1,640.10	
1945 Taxes, Real & Personal	135,245.64	
Tax Title Liens	3,489.52	
1946 Taxes, Real & Personal	2,415,145.26	
1946 Taxes, Bank Stock	6,843.32	\$2,604,204.35
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1946 Overpayment of Taxes, Etc.	1,167.04	
Less Refund of Overpayments	1,143.04	24.00
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1946 Railroad Tax—2nd Class & Franchise	11,939.44	
1946 Taxes, Gross Receipts	53,630.10	
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1946 2nd Class R.R. Tax & Franchise ...	117,950.19	183,519.73
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Interest & Costs on Taxes & Assessments	12,521.24	
Search Fees	1,955.75	14,476.99
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Assessments	43.07	
Collection Fees	741.34	784.41
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		\$2,803,009.48

Plainfield, N. J., March 31, 1947.

JOHN C. DILTS,

Collector of Taxes

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF THE CITY COURT

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council
of the City of Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to submit herewith, my yearly report as Clerk of the City Court of the City of Plainfield for the year ending December 31, 1946, as follows:

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS			
RECEIPTS:			
Cash		\$15,013.75	
Bond Forfeitures		50.00	
Total Receipts			\$15,063.75
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Total amount of Fines turned over to Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for Motor Vehicle Violations		\$ 257.00	
Total amount of Fines turned over to Mr. Arthur N. Pierson, County Treasurer, for Motor Vehicle Violations		8,803.00	
Total amount of Fines turned over to Mr. Andrew J. Krog, Health Officer, for violations of Health Ordinances		379.00	
Total amount of Fines and Collections turned over to Mr. Fred T. Jacobs, City Treasurer, as follows:			
Fines	\$2,392.50		
Court Costs	3,039.65		
Miscellaneous Revenue	192.60	5,624.75	
Total			\$15,063.75

Respectfully submitted,

S. MONROE STAATS,

Clerk, City Court of Plainfield

Dated:—Plainfield, N. J., January 18th, 1947.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council
City of Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith the report of the Assessors Department for the year 1946:

STATEMENT OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF PLAINFIELD as of October 1, 1946 for the year 1947

Value of Land (without improvements)	\$17,496,025	
Value of Improvements	36,202,700	
Total Value of Real Estate		\$53,698,725
Value of Personal Property:		
A. Value of Household Goods and Chattels	2,576,200	
B. Value of Farm Stock and Machinery	None	
C. Value of Stock in Trade, Materials used in Manufacture and other Personal Property assessed under Sec. 54:4-11	2,319,830	
D. Value of all other tangible Personal Property used in business.....	2,738,545	
Total Value of Personal Property		\$ 7,634,575
TOTAL GROSS VALUATIONS		\$61,333,300

DEDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS

Household Goods (exempted to a valuation of \$100.00 Sec. 54:4-3.16 of Rev. Statutes)	732,900	
Property exempted under Sec. 54:4-13.12 of Rev. Statutes (Soldiers, Sailors, Veterans, etc.)		
Real Estate	\$222,200	
Personal	320,600	\$542,800
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS AND EXEMPTIONS		1,275,700
NET VALUATION TAXABLE AT LOCAL RATE		\$60,057,600

Number of Acres Assessed	112.97	
Number of Lots Assessed	9,950	
New Construction Assessed		944,300
Construction Demolished or Reduced		65,475

EXEMPT PROPERTY	LAND	BUILDINGS	TOTAL
Public Schools	237,800	1,988,000	2,225,800
Other Schools	11,100	244,300	255,400
Public Property	384,325	479,600	863,925
Churches and Charitable	560,950	2,510,700	3,071,650
Other Exemptions (U.S. Government & State & County Property)...	277,600	206,000	483,600
Cemeteries	49,900	1,000	50,900
TOTAL ASSESSMENT ON EXEMPT PROPERTY	1,521,675	5,429,600	6,951,275

CLASSIFICATION OF REAL ESTATE RATABLES IN 1947

	Land	%	Buildings	%	Total	%
Residential	10,800,775	.617	27,752,250	.766	38,553,025	.718
Business	6,099,425	.349	6,230,275	.172	12,329,700	.230
Industrial	296,700	.017	1,864,600	.052	2,161,300	.040
Utility	299,125	.017	355,575	.010	654,700	.012
	17,496,025	1.000	36,202,700	1.000	53,698,725	1.000

NET VALUATION TAXABLE AT LOCAL RATE—1936 to 1947 Inclusive

Year	Valuation	Increase or Decrease	
1936	60,172,237		
1937	60,195,262	23,025	Increase
1938	60,242,944	47,682	Increase
1939	59,273,994	968,950	Decrease
1940	59,159,965	114,029	Decrease
1941	59,028,340	131,625	Decrease
1942	58,809,850	218,490	Decrease
1943	58,639,600	170,250	Decrease
1944	58,098,300	541,300	Decrease
1945	57,763,775	334,525	Decrease
1946	57,985,300	221,525	Increase
1947	60,057,600	2,072,300	Increase
Net Decrease for twelve years		114,637	
Average Decrease per year		9,553	

ANALYSIS BY WARDS OF TAXABLE PROPERTY FOR 1947

Ward	Land	Buildings	Personal	Total
1	4,681,950	7,251,250	2,315,725	14,248,925
2	5,353,200	12,393,225	1,961,825	19,708,250
3	3,545,075	8,500,150	564,250	12,609,475
4	3,915,800	7,835,875	1,739,275	13,490,950
	17,496,025	35,980,500	6,581,075	60,057,600

MISCELLANEOUS STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Analysis of the total RESIDENTIAL property valuations of 38,553,025 or .718% of the Total Real Estate ratables is divided into the following classifications:

1 Family Dwellings	6,100	.8275
2 Family Dwellings	1,004	.1362
3 Family Dwellings	92	.0125
4 Family Dwellings	89	.0121
5 Family Dwellings	13	.0018
6 Family Dwellings	37	.0050
8 Family Dwellings	11	.0015
Apartment Rows	5	.0007
Large Apartment Dwellings	20	.0027
TOTAL NUMBER DWELLINGS	7,371	1.0000

The area of the City of Plainfield, in square miles, is 6.25.

The total number of Assessments for the year 1947 is as follows:

Real Estate		
Improved	7,788	
Unimproved	2,162	9,950
Personal		6,950

16,900

The total number of property Transfers received during the year 1946 was 1,485.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY W. FARLEY,
Principal Assessing Clerk
Board of Assessors

February 17, 1947

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK 1946

To the Honorable Common Council
City of Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1946, of fees collected for licenses, etc., issued by this office as follows:

STATEMENT OF REVENUE

2893 Dog Licenses	@ \$ 2.25	\$ 6,509.25
5 Kennel Licenses	10.00	50.00
2 Pet Shop Licenses	10.00	20.00
4 Auctioneer Licenses	25.50	102.00
43 Taxi Licenses	10.50	451.50
66 Hack Driver Licenses	1.50	99.00
56 Truckman Licenses	10.50	588.00
6 Drivers Licenses	1.50	9.00
82 Cartman Licenses	10.50	861.00
2 Cartman with Horse Licenses	5.50	11.00
77 Poolroom and/or Bowling Alley Licenses	5.00	385.00
22 Peddler Licenses	25.50	561.00
1 Peddler License on Foot	15.50	15.50
4 Peddler's Assistant Licenses	1.50	6.00
1 Wholesale Junk Dealer License	50.00	50.00
2 Wholesale Junk Dealer Licenses	60.00	120.00
9 Retail Junk Dealer Licenses	25.00	225.00
195 Entertainment Licenses	1.00	195.00
5 Entertainment Licenses	2.00	10.00
3 Entertainment Licenses	3.00	9.00
3 Entertainment Licenses	4.00	12.00
1 Entertainment License	5.00	5.00
2 Entertainment Licenses	6.00	12.00
1 Entertainment License	7.00	7.00
1 Entertainment License	9.00	9.00
1 Entertainment License	10.00	10.00
1 Entertainment License	19.00	19.00
1 Entertainment License	84.00	84.00
Liberty Theatre		254.50
Paramount Theatre		285.50
Oxford Theatre25 Per Seat	409.75
Strand Theatre		441.25
18 Sound Truck Licenses	5.00	90.00
6 Sound Truck Licenses	10.00	60.00
1 Sound Truck License	20.00	20.00
17 Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses	1000.00	17,000.00
15 Plenary Retail Distribution Licenses	500.00	7,500.00
11 Club Licenses	150.00	1,650.00
1 Transfer of Premises Plenary Retail Distribution License	5.00	5.00
3 Transfer Fee-Plenary Retail Consumption Licenses	100.00	300.00
62 Duplicate Dog Tags50	31.00
3 City Ordinance Books	1.50	4.50
1 Election Map25	.25
1 Assessment Search	2.00	2.00
2 Assessment Searches	2.25	4.50
2 Assessment Searches	2.50	5.00
1 Assessment Search	2.75	2.75
2 Assessment Searches	3.00	6.00
1 Assessment Search	3.50	3.50
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Less Amount Paid to State Board of Health (Dog Licenses)		\$38,510.75
Total Collected for the City		<hr/> 723.25
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		\$37,787.50

Respectfully submitted,

FRED TOEGEL,
City Clerk.

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

January 1, 1947

Mayor and Common Council of the
City of Plainfield
Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

The Personnel of the Plainfield Police Department is fifty-three regular members. During the year 5,017 summons were issued for all violations and 996 arrests were made by all branches of the Department in addition to all other duties which comprises of traffic and checking closed stores and houses.

Our Department has a two-way radio system consisting of a main station and four squad cars. The personnel consists of 12 men and 1 sergeant. One car operating in the west end of the city and one in the east end and two spare cars. The sergeant covers the entire city. During the year radio cars answered 8,724 calls in addition to checking vacant houses and other duties.

Division of Identification and Photography consists of the fingerprinting of all persons who are placed under arrest on an indictable offense, photographs, taking pictures of scenes of crimes and fatal accidents and complete record of all arrests. During the year a total of 786 persons were fingerprinted and photographed. Also, all records of arrests are filed by this bureau.

Junior School Safety Patrols are functioning at all our Public and Parochial Schools with a total of 438 members. During the year not one accident occurred at street corners where the Junior Members were on duty. At more dangerous intersections twelve male adults are on part time duty to care for the school children.

Covering our Safety Educational Program we have a Patrolman assigned to Safety Education and Accident Bureau to keep records, investigate automobile accidents, lecture on safety before students and adult groups and also supervise the Junior Patrol and other School Traffic Members.

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL J. GRAY,

Chief of Police.



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY AND READING ROOM

The Plainfield Public Library first opened its doors to the public in May 1882. Its quarters were a rented second floor room on the south side of Front Street just east of Park Avenue, and its contents consisted of a few reference books and current magazines.

Today, after more than 64 years of continuous service to the public, the Library has more than 91,000 volumes on its shelves and receives current issues of 290 magazines and newspapers. Its physical plant consists of the building on the corner of Park Avenue and 8th Street which was presented to the City by Job Male in 1885, an adjoining brick structure facing College Place, donated by Andrew Carnegie in 1912, and a bookstack erected in 1899. This group of buildings houses two large reading rooms for adults, a children's room, the Library offices and workrooms, an art gallery, two public meeting rooms, and approximately 3 miles of bookshelves. In addition to the main buildings which are open to the public for 12 hours every day except Sundays and holidays, the Library maintains five branches in school buildings, each of which is open one afternoon a week.

The Library is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Common Council. Its daily work is carried on by a staff of 12 full-time and 6 part-time workers. Its services are free to anyone who lives or pays taxes in Plainfield. Non-residents may obtain a library card upon payment of an annual fee of \$3.00.

The Library receives its main financial support in the form of an annual appropriation from the city. Endowment funds totaling approximately \$37,000.00 brought in an additional \$1,122.71 in 1946. Total expenditures of the Library during the year 1946 amounted to \$43,852.60.

The year 1946 was a busy one at the Library. Unexpected repairs reduced the funds available for buying books, with the result that only 2,610 volumes were added to the book collection during the year, as against 3,415 in 1945 and 3,872 in 1944. Despite this fact, there was no evidence of a slackening of public interest in the Library. 163,501 books were borrowed from the Library during the year—an average of more than 44 during every hour that the Library was open. Additional thousands of books were used in the Library for research and study, and it was apparent that more people than ever before were using the reading rooms. Crowded home conditions, which were not conducive to concentration and study, brought an increased number of students to the Library, and many veterans enrolled in schools and colleges in the Plainfield area found the reading rooms a convenient place in which to prepare their assignments.

The heavy volume of reference questions asked at the Library and over the telephone indicated that the people of Plainfield were becoming more accustomed to thinking of the Library when they wanted information.

Civic and social organizations of Plainfield held 211 meetings in the Library meeting rooms during the year. Six major exhibits were held in the Art Gallery.

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS FOR 1946

STOCK

	Adult &	Intermediate	Juvenile	Total
Number of Volumes, January 1, 1946	82,798		7,345	90,143
Additions by purchase, binding and gift	2,538		650	3,188
	85,336		7,995	93,331
Lost or withdrawn	1,111		684	1,795
	84,225		7,311	91,536
Number of Volumes, January 1, 1947				
Number of Newspapers, & Periodicals currently received				290
Number of Maps, January 1, 1947				609
Number of Mounted Pictures, January 1, 1947				8,936

BOOKS PURCHASED

General and Special Funds

	Adult &	Intermediate	Juvenile	Total
Number	2119		493	2612
Cost	\$5,404.43		\$779.60	\$6,184.03

CIRCULATION

Volumes Borrowed from Library

	Adult &	Intermediate	Juvenile	Total
Main Building	113,772		22,183	135,955
Branches	8,793		18,753	27,546
	122,565		40,936	163,501
Total				

STOCK AND CIRCULATION BY SUBJECTS

	Stock	Circulation
General	6,127	400
Philosophy & Psychology	1,473	1,999
Religion	2,981	2,201
Social Sciences	11,676	6,238
Language	513	584
Pure Science	6,779	5,200
Applied Science	11,039	8,256
Arts	6,128	7,806
Literature	8,012	10,406
Travel	4,936	4,904
Biography	7,574	5,256
History	8,911	4,741
Music Scores	7,322	1,015
Periodicals		3,334
Pamphlets		795
Fiction	8,065	100,366
	91,536	163,501
Total		

STAFF

December 31, 1946

Full-time Librarians	11
Part-time Librarians	2
Pages	3
Full-time Janitor	1
Part-time Janitor	1
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Total	18

PLAINFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY—REPORT OF THE TREASURER FOR THE YEAR 1946
GENERAL LIBRARY FUND

Receipts:—

From the City of Plainfield		\$ 38,000.00
Miscellaneous Revenues:—		
Fees, over-time book privileges	\$2,735.29	
Book rentals, Pay Collection	932.29	
Non-resident subscriptions	354.75	
Replacing lost or damaged books	155.18	
Telephone, paid calls	6.80	
Sale old paper	18.60	
Gifts and refunds	10.79	
Service charges	266.00	4,479.70
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Total receipts		\$42,479.70
Balance on hand, January 1, 1946, Petty Cash Fund		489.13
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Aggregate		\$42,968.83

Disbursements:—

Books	\$4,790.83	
Pay Books	642.13	
Pamphlets	123.75	
Music Scores & Records	56.94	
Periodicals & Newspapers	793.82	
Microfilm	1,200.47	
Binding	611.04	
Gas & Electricity	813.81	
Telephone	214.42	
Water	84.86	
Insurance	385.71	
Heating	610.07	
Repairs & Improvements	3,769.34	
Library Supplies	628.27	
Office Supplies	132.35	
Janitor & Building Supplies	102.82	
Furniture & Equipment	451.99	
Miscellaneous	446.77	
Salaries	24,146.54	
Bonuses	2,677.18	
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Total disbursements		\$42,683.11
Unexpended Balance City Appropriation returned to City		21.36
Balance on hand, January 1, 1947, Petty Cash Fund		264.36
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Aggregate		\$42,968.83

SPECIAL FUNDS—INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts:—

Babcock	\$ 623.64	
Tyler	332.63	
Lincoln	126.69	
Art Gallery	83.25	
Vocal Music	1.50	
De Leeuw	10.00	
Cook	26.00	
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Total receipts		\$ 1,203.71
Balance on hand, January 1, 1946		1,947.26
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Aggregate		\$ 3,150.97

Disbursements:—

Books	\$ 751.07	
Periodicals	245.74	
Binding	172.68	
Investment for Art Gallery Fund	1,209.50	
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Total disbursements		\$ 2,378.99
Balance on hand, January 1, 1947		771.98
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Aggregate		\$ 3,150.97

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CITY ENGINEER
STREET AND SEWER DEPARTMENT**

December 31, 1946

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council,
City of Plainfield, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1946.

Engineering

Shortage of Engineering Personnel made it necessary to curtail or postpone many desirable and worth while projects such as post-war projects; street widening program and surveys for sanitary and storm sewer expansion. Considerable engineering time was used in rendering service to other departments and committees including the maintenance of official Tax Maps; Emergency Housing; drawing descriptions for 143 tracts of land sold by the City; local improvements; also the general public and private contractors in connection with the construction of sidewalks; curbs; driveways; sewers and pavements.

Local Improvement Ordinance No. 328 required the improvement of sections of Arlington Avenue, Cambridge Avenue, Carlisle Terrace and Hillcrest Avenue. The contract for the work was awarded to Terrible Construction Company, the construction cost being \$33,283.81.

Local Improvement Ordinance No. 329 provided for the construction of a sanitary sewer in Belvidere Avenue between Ravine Road and Berkeley Avenue. The work was done by Terrible Construction Company at a construction cost of \$4,324.00.

Local Improvement Ordinance No. 330 provided for the construction of sanitary sewers in Wiley Avenue and Edwin Place. The work was done by Frank Domenick & Company at a construction cost of \$4,366.29.

Local Improvement Ordinance No. 331 provided for the construction of sanitary sewers in Sterling Street and Coolidge Street. The work was done by Frank Domenick & Company at a construction cost of \$9,651.92.

The paving of Oakland Avenue between Sleepy Hollow Lane and Mayfair Way was done privately under the supervision of the City Engineering Department; also a sanitary sewer was constructed in Clawson Avenue, by private contract, by the owner of abutting properties. The construction was done under the supervision of this office. A full width bituminous macadam pavement was constructed on a portion of Marsh Place. This work was done by the abutting property owners and supervised by this office.

Bids were received for the construction of a storm sewer in portions of Colonial Place; St. Nicholas Blvd., and Terrill Road. However, the lowest bid received was considerable above the amount of the appropriation for the work. All bids were rejected and the Common Council decided to await a more favorable time before readvertising the work.

The continued shortage of labor made it necessary to combine the labor of both the Street and Sewer Divisions. Under this arrangement the Department treated the surface of approximately 85,000 sq. yds. of macadam pavement; replaced 500 sq. yds. of bituminous concrete pavement; constructed 200 sq. yds. of 6" thick bituminous macadam pavement; cleaned 42 miles of sanitary sewers and 2200 storm sewer inlets.

The Division also furnished labor and equipment for conditioning the City Dump; placing of chairs and tables in election quarters; and marking election boundary limits; street sweeping, maintenance of gutters and shoulders of public streets; cutting grass between curbs and sidewalks and on vacant lots owned by the City; snow and ice removal; delivery of coal, to, and removal of ashes from, public buildings, maintenance of street name signs, traffic signs and street markings and garage service to all Departments of the City.

The increased activity of the Building Division is indicated by the following table.

Year	Number of Permits	Valuation of new construction	No. of Family Units Provided	Fees Collected
1942	325	\$ 438,136.50		\$2,477.88
1943	202	258,879.50		1,591.63
1944	246	421,824.00		2,191.82
1945	515	1,035,825.00		4,583.00
1946	967	2,370,741.00	144	9,181.75

I attach hereto a statement showing distribution of costs of Local Improvements from 1919 to 1946 and a statement showing distribution of costs of General Improvements from 1926 to 1946; statement of the Building Division showing permits issued and fees collected during the year and a Statistical Statement of Streets and Sewers.

It is again my pleasure to acknowledge my appreciation of the co-operation received from the Mayor; Common Council; various Department Heads, Employees of this Department and the Committee on Streets and Sewers, composed of the following members of the Common Council.

Mr. Anthony F. Sabino, Chairman
Mr. C. Frederick Kammerer
Mr. Edward H. Clendenin

Respectfully submitted,

H. E. BUSH,
City Engineer.

STATEMENT OF LOCAL IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENTS 1919—1946

Ordinance	Description	Charged to City	Charged to Owner	Contributions	Total
201 to 323 incl.	1919-1941 incl.	\$1,316,128.38	\$1,909,675.99	\$366,888.48	\$3,592,692.85
324	Sanitary Sewer in Carlisle Terrace		1,071.59		1,071.59
325	Improvement of Hollywood Ave. & South End Parkway.....		Work not done		
326	Sanitary Sewer in Belvidere Ave., Ravine Rd. to Berkeley Avenue.....		Work not done		
327	Sanitary Sewer in Sterling St. and Coolidge Street.....		Work not done		
328	Improvement of sections of Arlington Ave., Cambridge Ave., Carlisle Terrace and Hillcrest Avenue		Not yet assessed		
329	Sanitary Sewer in Belvidere Ave., Ravine Rd. to Berkeley Avenue		Not yet assessed		
330	Sanitary sewer in Wiley Avenue and Edwin Place.....		Not yet assessed		
331	Sanitary Sewer in Sterling St. and Coolidge Street.....		Not yet assessed		
332	Improvement of Atlantic St. & Pacific Street		Work not yet started		

STATEMENT OF GENERAL IMPROVEMENT ORDINANCES

Ordinances	Description	Charged to City	Contributions	Total
1001 to 1037 incl.	1926-1941 incl.	\$1,070,931.12	\$107,664.32	\$1,178,595.44
1038	City Wide Storm Sewer Project	196,209.68		196,209.68
1039	Storm Sewers in East 7th Street, between Richmond St. and Terrill Road....	8,500.00	Work done by Union County	8,500.00
1040	Grading "Seidler Field"	5,343.42	W.P.A. Project	5,343.42
1041	Storm Sewer in Randolph Road from Hillside Avenue 500 feet east	993.47	W.P.A. Project	993.47
1042	Storm Sewer in Sherman Avenue from Monroe Avenue to City Line		Revised by Ordinance No. 1044	
1043	Storm Sewer in Sherman Avenue from City line west	4,862.53	Work done by Borough of South Plainfield	4,862.53
1044	Storm Sewer in Sherman Avenue, from Monroe Avenue to City line	19,467.70		19,467.70
1045	Storm Sewer in Colonial Place, St. Nicholas Boulevard and Terrill Road		Not yet started	
1047	Federal Emergency Housing		Not yet completed	

**STATEMENT OF PERMITS ISSUED AND FEES COLLECTED
BY THE BUILDING DIVISION FOR THE YEAR 1946**

Fees Collected		\$9,181.75
Building Permits	\$7,574.75	
Certificate of Occupancy	1,230.00	
Zoning Appeals	222.00	
Zoning Ordinances	71.00	
Building Codes	78.00	
Copies of Certificate of Occupancies	6.00	\$9,181.75

CLASSIFICATION

48 for	48 Frame Dwellings	garages attached
3 for	3 Frame Dwellings	garages detached
48 for	48 Frame Dwellings	
37 for	37 Frame	Additions
133 for	133 Frame	Alterations
19 for	19 Frame	Garages
5 for	5 Frame	Alterations and Additions
1 for	1 Frame	Shed
3 for	3 Frame	Offices
1 for	1 Frame	Storage
2 for	2 Frame	Alterations and Cement Hollow Block Garages
1 for	1 Frame	Alteration and Fire Escape
2 for	2 Cement Hollow Block	Dwellings garages attached
2 for	2 Cement Hollow Block	Dwellings
24 for	24 Cement Hollow Block	Garages
28 for	28 Cement Hollow Block	Additions
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block	Laundry
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block	Boiler Room
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block	Service Station
2 for	2 Cement Hollow Block	Offices
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block	Printing Office
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block	Sales Office
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block	Office and Shop
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block	Wall
4 for	4 Cement Hollow Block	Foundations
4 for	4 Cement Hollow Block	Stores
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block	Factory
2 for	2 Cement Hollow Block	Storage Buildings
2 for	2 Cement Hollow Block	Retaining Walls
1 for	1 Cement Hollow Block	Automobile Showroom
11 for	11 Cement Hollow Block	Alterations
1 for	1 Concrete	Addition
1 for	1 Concrete	Alteration
1 for	1 Concrete	Foundation
5 for	5 Brick	Chimneys
8 for	8 Brick	Alterations
1 for	1 Brick	Telephone Exchange
1 for	1 Brick	Addition
1 for	1 Brick	Garden Apartment
1 for	1 Hollow Tile	Addition
150 for	150	Signs
366 for	367 Fuel Oil	Equipment
9 for	12 Fuel Oil	Tanks
1 for	1 Metal	Warehouse
1 for	1 Metal	Shed
12 for	21 Gasoline	Tanks
1 for	1 Temporary	Office
3 for	3 Certificates of	Occupancy
8 for	8	Demolitions
3 for	3 Amendments to	original applications
1 for	1 Fire	Escape
1 for	1 Awning	

967 PERMITS

The valuation, represented by 967 permits, amounts to \$2,370,741.00

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

STREETS

Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on concrete foundation (County)	6.40 miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on stone foundation (County) ..	2.00 miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on concrete foundation (City)	12.79 miles
Length Streets paved with "Hard Surface"* on stone foundation (City)	1.73 miles
Length Streets paved with Bituminous Macadam (City)	24.66 miles
Length Streets paved with Water Bound Macadam (City)	40.33 miles

Length of Improved Streets (City)	87.91 miles
Length of Unimproved Streets (City)	16.48 miles

Total Length of Streets in City	104.39 miles
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on concrete foundation (County)	131,742 sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on stone foundation (County)	11,974 sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on concrete foundation (City)	269,501 sq. yds.
Area "Hard Surface" pavement on stone foundation (City)	19,845 sq. yds.
Area Bituminous Macadam (City)	395,904 sq. yds.
Area Water Bound Macadam (City)	550,398 sq. yds.

Total Area of Pavements	1,379,364 sq. yds.
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Area Bituminous Surface Treatment in 1946	85,000 sq. yds.
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*—"Hard Surface"—Sheet asphalt, Bituminous Concrete, Granite Block, Brick, Tarvalithic, Hot-Col, etc.

SEWERS

Length of Storm Sewers	39.50 miles
Length of Sanitary Sewers	95.87 miles
Number of House Connections on Sanitary Sewers	8,233
Pumping Stations	6
Auxiliary Pumping Stations	1

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT BOARD OF HEALTH
City of Plainfield, New Jersey

December 31, 1946

To the Honorable, The Mayor and
The Common Council of the
City of Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to present herewith the fifty-eighth annual report of the Board of Health.

This annual message will be found to be largely a composite picture, numerically setting forth as briefly as possible the work accomplished during the year 1946. Interspersed among the statistical data will be found statements of vital interest to our citizens.

The continuous development of our department to its present stage of importance and efficiency in stemming the costly invasions of disease is a source of justifiable pride to this Board.

The members of the Common Council are to be highly commended for their share in meeting the challenge and by so adequately providing to permit our activities to keep in pace with the rapidly expanding science of public health.

It can truthfully be said that the underlying thought and endeavor on the part of the members of this Board, individually and collectively, has been to raise and maintain the standard of service of our Department to the highest possible level compatible with our financial resources. This object we believe, has been accomplished without extravagance, thanks to the close co-operation between the City Fathers, the Health Department Staff, and the Board.

Thus looking backward over the past year, we are thankful for the accomplishments achieved and in looking ahead, we hope with confidence that we will continue to serve the people of Plainfield to their fullest satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC W. LATHROP, M. D.,

President.

ANDREW J. KROG,

Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HEALTH OFFICER

To the Board of Health
Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

Plainfield can be proud of its advances toward better health for all of the people. The efficiency of our program won first award for cities of 20,000-50,000 population in the Health Conservation contest for the years 1938 and 1939. This contest, nation wide in its scope, was conducted annually by the United States Chamber of Commerce and the American Public Health Association for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of various community health programs. In 1935, 1936 and 1937 Plainfield was one of the five cities each year to receive honorable mention.

Our program is truly a community endeavor. Clubs, leagues, business and professional groups, student movements, all are co-operating with the official agencies in order to make Plainfield a better place in which to live.

Persistent work has beat down the toll of disease. Typhoid, diphtheria, malaria and similar diseases are rarities. Our city's infant and maternal mortality rates are among the lowest in the nation. Milk, food and water supplies are rigidly controlled and environmental sanitation can be exploited with justified pride.

On these and other health fronts the bacteriologist and technician, doctor and nurse, engineer and veterinarian, professional and layman are all working together.

These services pay big dividends to the citizen-shareholders whose tax investments support them. These dividends are in the form of life conserved and enriched by good health. Dollar dividends, too, for sickness avoided is money saved. Dividends also of favorable advertising for the community by helping to bring in new business and new homemakers who are looking for healthier environment in which to locate.

To the reader who looks for details, statistics in the annual reports of the Health Department are available and will be of interest. They are true stories of life's victories over death. Each unit lost or won represents a person. It may be the worker next to you, the friend with whom you play bridge—perhaps your own child.

Conclusion

Public health is the basic rampart upon which the parapets of democracy stand. A sound mind in a sound body is essential to the free and the good life in which Americans believe.

This report describes to the people of Plainfield the ways in which their public health services, supported by their taxes, have contributed in their past year to their well-being and thereby to the nation's security. It likewise reveals the activities going on day and night, in homes, in factories, in our own organizations, at clinics and in all the various parts of our city.

Allied with us in this work of health defense are enlisted the doctors, the dentists, the veterinarians and the nurses. With them march the volunteers, laymen who give time, labor and money to the cause. To these people our citizenry and this department owes a deep debt of gratitude for their unstinting co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW J. KROG,
Health Officer.

December 31, 1946

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation from Common Council \$31,114.72

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$20,581.10
Office	1,502.07
Motor Equipment	1,201.24
Traveling Expenses	539.76
Laboratory	903.61
Communicable Disease	265.44
Food and Drugs	7.62
Special Personal Services	6,000.00

\$31,000.84

Reserve Fund	113.88
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\$31,114.72

RECEIPTS

Reimbursements, fees, fines, etc.

Plumbing	\$1,605.00
Garbage and Offal	172.00
Milk	392.00
Ice	39.00
Barbers	212.00
Fines	351.00
Food Establishments	885.00
Vital Statistics	2,428.00
Sundry Receipts	27.36

\$6,111.36

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH

I.	Infectious and Parasitic Diseases		
	Influenza	1	
	Syphilitic aortitis	1	
	Influenzal meningitis	1	
	Cerebrospinal meningitis	1	
	Syphilis	1	
	Tuberculosis	1	
			6
II.	Cancer and Other Tumors		
	Cancer	62	62
III.	Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and of the Endocrine Glands, Other General Diseases, and Avitaminoses		
	Diabetes Mellitus	11	11
IV.	Diseases of the Blood and Blood-Forming Organs		
	Lymphatic Leukemia	1	1
V.	Chronic Poisoning and Intoxication	0	0
VI.	Diseases of the Nervous System and Sense Organs		
	Cerebral hemorrhage	22	
	Cerebral thrombosis	8	
	Paralysis Agitans	1	
	Cerebral Embolus	2	
	Internal hydrocephalus	1	
	Little's Disease	1	
	Epilepsy	1	
			36
VII.	Diseases of the Circulatory System		
	Hypertension	4	
	Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease	16	
	Cardio-vascular Disease	4	
	Arteriosclerosis	9	
	Chronic Myocarditis	20	
	Hypertensive Heart Disease	15	
	Coronary Occlusion	21	
	Coronary Thrombosis	21	
	Myocardial Decompensation	4	
	Rheumatic Endocarditis	1	
	Mitral Insufficiency	3	
	Myocardial Fibrosis	2	
	Coronary Sclerosis	3	
	Myocardosis	1	
	Cardiac Asthma	1	
	Arteriosclerotic Vascular Occlusion	1	
	Bacterial Endocarditis	1	
	Aneurysm of Carotid	1	
	Myocardial Insufficiency	1	
	Congestive Heart Failure	2	
	Mitral Valve Incompetency	1	
	Chronic Cardiac Valvular Disease	1	
	Mitral Stenosis	1	
	Thrombosis of Femoral Vein	1	
	Mesenteric Thrombosis	1	
	Cerebral Arteriosclerosis	1	
			137
VIII.	Diseases of the Respiratory System		
	Pneumonia	9	
	Bronchiectasis	1	
	Bilateral Pleural Effusion	1	
	Spasm of Glottis	1	
			12
IX.	Diseases of the Digestive System		
	Duodenal Ulcer	1	
	Stone in Common Bile Duct	1	
	Peptic Ulcer	2	
	Cirrhosis of Liver	5	
	Ruptured Appendix	1	
	Toxemia from Tonsillitis	1	
	Intestinal Obstruction	2	
	Cholelithiasis	1	
	Pyloric Ulcer	1	
			15
X.	Diseases of the Genito-urinary System		
	Cardio Vascular Renal Disease	5	
	Renal Arteriosclerosis	1	
	Nephro Sclerosis	3	
	Chronic Nephritis	9	
	Hypertrophy of Prostate	1	
	Perinephritic Abscess	1	
			20
XI.	Diseases of Pregnancy, Childbirth, and the Puerperism		0

XII.	Diseases of the Skin and Cellular Tissue		
	Ruptured Ulcer	1	
	Lupus Erythematosus	1	2
XIII.	Diseases of the Bones and Organs of Movement		
	Laminectomy	1	1
XIV.	Congenital Malformations		
	Congenital Intestinal Anusnoly	1	
	Congenital Heart Disease	2	3
XV.	Diseases Peculiar to the First Day of Life		
	Atelectasis	1	
	Subarachnoid Hemorrhage	1	
	Prematurity	6	
	Asphyxia Neonatorum	2	
	Idiopathic Cyanosis	1	
	Erythroblastoma	1	12
XVI	Senility		
	Senile Dementia	1	
	Senility	4	5
XVII.	Violent and Accidental Deaths		
	Fall	6	
	Automobile Accident	2	
	Suicide	1	
	Struck by Train	1	
	Burns	1	
	Motorcycle Accident	1	
	Drowning	1	13
XVIII.	Ill-Defined Causes of Death		
	Sudden Death	8	
	Heart Failure	1	9
			345

VITAL STATISTICS

	Occurring in City	*Occurring out of City	Total Residents	Non-Residents	Total
Marriages	367	132	499	173	672
Births	797	55	852	1450	2302
Stillbirths	19	1	20	25	45
Deaths	345	72	417	224	641
	1528	260	1788	1872	3660

*These figures are obtained from copies of certificates received from other municipalities.

COMPARATIVE TABLES—RESIDENTS

(Rates are per thousand population and are based on total residents)

	Marriages		Births		Stillbirths		Deaths	
Year	No.	Rates	No.	Rates	No.	Rates	No.	Rates
1940	351	9.4	611	16.3	19	50	376	10.0
1941	407	10.8	701	18.5	20	52	406	10.7
1942	415	10.9	903	23.7	14	36	380	10.0
1943	311	8.1	760	19.7	14	36	446	11.6
1944	299	7.7	729	18.8	22	56	412	10.6
1945	357	9.2	666	17.0	16	41	421	10.7
1946	499	12.7	852	21.6	20	50	417	10.6

NATIONALITY TABLES

Marriages, Births, Stillbirths and Deaths

	Marriages		Births		Stillbirths		Deaths
	Brides	Bridegrooms	Mothers	Fathers	Mothers	Fathers	
Austria-Hungary	0	0	0	1	0	0	22
England	1	1	3	5	0	0	14
France	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Germany	1	0	2	4	0	0	8
Ireland	2	1	5	2	0	0	15
Italy	5	9	7	7	1	2	12
Russia	1	3	1	2	0	0	7
Scotland	1	1	4	1	1	0	3
United States	351	344	760	736	17	15	233
Other Countries	4	8	15	19	0	1	27
Not Stated	0	0	0	19	0	1	2
	367		797		19		345

MARRIAGES

The following table will show the marriages according to ages:

	Brides	Bridegrooms
Minors	11	19
Under 25 years	205	115
25—30 years	83	127
30—35 years	35	52
35—40 years	14	21
40—45 years	3	10
45—50 years	10	4
50—55 years	0	6
55—60 years	4	10
Over 60 years	2	3

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The following table will show the number of first, second and third marriages:

First	326	314
Second	39	51
Third	2	2
Fourth	0	0

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White	258	258
Negro	109	109

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BIRTHS

Sex		Color	
Male	Female	White	Negro
395	402	624	173
797		797	
Number of children born in hospital		765	
Number of children born at home		32	
Number attended by physicians		797	
Number attended by midwives		794	
		3	
		797	

STILLBIRTHS

Sex		Color	
Male	Female	White	Negro
15	4	11	8
19		19	

PERIOD OF GESTATIONS

	Full Term	8 months	7 months	6 months	5 months	Total
Native White	5	4	0	2	2	13
Foreign White	2	0	0	0	0	2
Negro	4	0	0	0	0	4
	11	4	0	2	2	19

NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF MOTHER

	Native White	Foreign White	Negro	Total
First	6	1	2	9
Second	2	0	1	3
Third	4	0	0	4
Fourth	1	0	1	2
Fifth	0	0	0	0
Sixth	0	0	0	0
Seventh	0	0	0	0
Eighth	0	1	0	1
	13	2	4	19

PLACE OF STILLBIRTH

Hospital	16
At Home	3
	19

CAUSE OF STILLBIRTH

Prematurity	1
Premature separation of placenta	4
Fall of mother	2
Cord around body	1
Prolonged labor	3
Maternal cause	4
Unknown	4
	19

DEATHS

Sex		Color		Conjugal State				
Male	Female	White	Colored	Single	Married	Widowed	Divorced	Total
164	181	301	44	58	167	116	4	345

AGES

Under 1 week	12	35—40 years	11
1 week—1 month	1	40—45 years	10
1 month—1 year	4	45—50 years	16
1—2 years	2	50—55 years	20
2—5 years	1	55—60 years	35
5—10 years	2	60—65 years	39
10—15 years	1	65—70 years	35
15—20 years	0	70—75 years	56
20—25 years	4	75—80 years	38
25—30 years	0	80—90 years	45
30—35 years	5	90—100 years	8

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INFANT MORTALITY

Year	*No. of Births	No.Deaths	Infant Death Rate per 1,000 births
		Under one year	
1936	469	18	38.4
1937	503	16	31.6
1938	527	22	41.7
1939	553	15	27.1
1940	611	16	26.2
1941	701	19	27.1
1942	903	30	33.2
1943	760	31	40.7
1944	729	19	26.0
1945	666	19	28.6
1946	852	17	19.9

*This figure includes copies of birth certificates of Plainfield residents received from other municipalities.
Maternal death rate per 1,000 births 0

INFANT MORTALITY CAUSES

CAUSE	Color		Sex		Nativity of Mother										
	White	Colored	Male	Female	Under 1 day	1—7 days	7 days—1 month	1—2 months	2—4 months	4—8 months	8—12 months	France	Poland	United States	Total
Idiopathic Cyanosis	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Congenital Intestinal Anusoly	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Pneumonia	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2
Prematurity	6	0	4	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	6
Subarachnoid Hemorrhage.....	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Atelectasis	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Asphyxia Neonatorum	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Erythroblastoma	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Congenital Heart Disease	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Influenzal Meningitis	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
	14	3	9	8	6	6	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	14	17

HEART DISEASE

	Male	Female
White	68	54
Colored	4	11
	72	65

Total..... 137

AGES		
30—40 years	3	3
40—50 years	7	3
50—60 years	14	4
60—70 years	18	11
70—80 years	21	22
80—90 years	7	19
90—100 years	2	3
	<hr/> 72	<hr/> 65

NATIVITY		
Austria-Hungary	2	1
England	6	2
France	0	1
Germany	2	3
Ireland	2	1
Italy	3	3
Russia	2	2
Scotland	1	0
United States	48	44
Other Countries	6	8
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CONJUGAL STATE		
Single	5	6
Married	45	25
Widowed	20	34
Divorced	2	0
	<hr/> 72	<hr/> 65

CANCER

Male 20

Organ	White	Colored	Under 10 Years	10—20 Years	20—30 Years	30—40 Years	40—50 Years	50—60 Years	60—70 Years	70—80 Years	80—90 Years	Austria	England	Germany	Ireland	Italy	Russia	Scotland	United States	Other Countries	Single	Married	Widowed
Colon	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0
Pancreas	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	1
Rectum	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Kidney	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Prostate	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Trachea	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Bladder	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Brain	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Liver	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stomach	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	0
Lung	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
General	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0
	16	4	0	0	1	0	3	3	6	6	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	15	0	4	14	2

Female 42

Uterus	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	0	
Rectum	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	
Colon	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Bladder	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	1	
Kidney	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Breast	12	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	10	0	0	6	6	
Stomach	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	4	
Liver	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	
Spinal Cord ..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Ovary	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	
Cervix	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Sigmoid	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	
Brain	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	
Vulva	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	
Neck	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	
General	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	
	41	1	1	1	0	3	2	10	11	9	5	1	3	0	3	1	1	0	27	6	6	15	21

The following tables give data on the incidence of certain communicable diseases reported this year in comparison with the three previous fifth years:

Disease	1931		1936		1941		1946	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Scarlet Fever	66	0	40	0	81	0	29	0
Diphtheria	4	0	13	0	1	0	1	0
Typhoid Fever	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	48	10	21	3	34	4	41	1
Pneumonia	70	27	93	32	52	14	17	9
Influenza	18	0	2	2	17	0	1	1
Measles	81	0	35	0	164	0	1425	0
German Measles	17	0	14	0	615	0	87	0
Chickenpox	127	0	43	0	161	0	168	0
Whooping Cough	88	2	196	0	40	0	43	0
Trichinosis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poliomyelitis	12	1	0	0	4	0	3	0
Smallpox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Spinal Meningitis....	2	0	2	1	0	0	3	1
Miscellaneous	8	0	18	2	250	0	*205	0
	543	41	477	40	1420	18	2023	12
*Malaria	2							
Mumps	202							
Erysipelas	1							
	205							

TUBERCULOSIS

	Under 20	20-40	40-60	60-80	W.	C.	M.	F.	S.	M.	W.	D.
Lungs	1	20	14	5	26	14	23	17	13	20	6	1
Shoulder	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
	2	20	14	5	27	14	24	17	14	20	6	1

Deaths of residents in Plainfield 1
Deaths of residents out of Plainfield 15 16

No. of deaths of cases reported in 1946 12
No. of deaths of cases reported prior to 1946 4 16

Case rate per 1,000 population 1.0
*Death rate per 1,000 population40
*Percentage of all deaths 3.8

*Based on total deaths of residents in Plainfield and out of Plainfield.

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	Syphilis	Gonorrhea	Chancroid	Total
New cases admitted to V. D. Clinic	131	82	1	214
Total cases under treatment:	235	106	2	343
Number of cases discharged as arrested or cured:	24	22	1	47
Discharged to other care:	28	13		41
Discontinued treatment without permission:	22	7		29

	Syphilis		Gonorrhea
	Arсенicals	Bismuth	Penicillin
Number of treatments:	809	1245	155
Patients treated with Penicillin:			30

	Blood Tests	Spinal Tests	Smears	Cultures	White	Colored	Total
	728	71	514	509			
Total number of clinic visits for treatment, examination or advice:					948	2677	3625
Free Visits:						1047	
Total Cash Collected (To Muhlenberg Hospital):							\$781.80

New Patients were referred to Clinic from:

Muhlenberg Hospital and Clinics:	55
Other Clinics:	9
Public Health Nurse	117
Private Physician	73
Self	25
Military examinations (Induction and Separation Centers)	155
Employment examinations	58
Police	2
State Board of Children's Guardians	1
Health Agencies	22

Total 517

Patients referred from clinic to other care:

Private Physicians	57
Clinics	22
Armed Services	2
Veteran's Hospital	1
Clinton Farms	1
Died	1
Total	84

Plainfield Home Visits 835

The following inspections were made in connection with food and drink:

MILK

Receiving stations	1
Creameries and pasteurizing plants	7
Dairies	45
Routine milk samples	480
Pre-pasteurized milk samples	68
Sediment samples	56
Miscellaneous	22
.....	679

FOOD SAMPLES

Ice Cream	16
Swab samples	556
Rinse and wash water samples	26
Talks on utensil sterilization	11
Miscellaneous	0
.....	609

FOOD SUPPLY

Bakeries	40
Confectionery, soda, ice cream, etc.	97
Grocery stores	139
Meat markets	124
Delicatessens	14
Restaurants, hotels, etc.	132
Bars and taverns	20
Miscellaneous	265
.....	831

WATER

Inspections	13
.....	13
	2132

FOOD CONDEMNATION

Total food products condemned 210 lbs.

GENERAL SANITATION

General inspections:

Alleys	6
Back Yards	36
Barber shops, etc.	35
Factories	29
Slaughter houses	13
Public toilets	15
Swimming pools	37
Housing	23
Poultry yards	9
Theatres	2
Miscellaneous	57
.....	262

Complaints:

Original inspections	356
Reinspections	225
Notices served	245
Visits to court	33
Miscellaneous	107
.....	966

Plumbing:

Water tests	137
Air tests	52
Additions and alterations	212
Iron sewer connections	195
Old systems	14
Miscellaneous	147
.....	757

ADMINISTRATIVE

Meetings and conferences	154
Office hearings	36
Lectures	6
Miscellaneous	32
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228

MOVIES SHOWN BY BOARD OF HEALTH

Showings.....	10	Attendance.....	295
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COMPLAINTS

Number remaining from previous year	1
Number received during 1946	356

Number abated:

Prior to 1946	1
Received during 1946	354

Number unabated:

Prior to 1946	0
Received during 1946	2

Causes for which complaints were made:

Ragweed	2
Mosquito breeding	2
No food establishment license	18
Suspected food poisoning	6
Stoppage in plumbing system, etc.	29
No water	14
Overcrowding	6
Vermin and rodents	13
Insanitary premises	19
Inadequate toilet facilities	9
Garbage	78
No heat and insufficient heat	80
Insanitary chicken coops, pigeons at large, etc.	42
Insanitary swimming pool	1
Insanitary housing	15
Miscellaneous	22
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	356

ANIMAL BITES.

Number of persons bitten by animals	152
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Animal brains examined in Board of Health Laboratory:

Positive	1
Negative	1
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	2

Number of persons taking antirabic treatment	11
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LICENSES AND PERMITS ISSUED

Plumbing	417
Barber shops and hairdressing establishments	106
Ice	11
Garbage	49
Offal	7
Poultry slaughter house	3
Poultry slaughterer	1
Food Establishments	433

Milk:

Regular dealers	42
Stores	109
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	151

1,178

To the Board of Health
Plainfield, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

The following is submitted as the report of the Plumbers' Examining Board for the year 1946:

Number of examinations held	5
Number of applicants examined	7
Number of Master Plumbers' licenses issued	7

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT I. LITTELL, Secretary
Plumbers' Examining Board.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Plainfield, N. J.
January 1st, 1947

To the Honorable, The Mayor and Common Council:

Gentlemen:—

I herewith submit my report for the year 1946 together with my recommendations for the year 1947.

The present personnel of this department is 57, divided as follows:

FIRE FIGHTING FORCE

1 Chief of Department
2 Deputy Chiefs
4 Captains
2 Lieutenants
32 Class "A" Privates
3 Class "B" Privates
1 Class "F" Private
6 Temporary Firemen (2 Resigned Jan. 10, 1947)
4 Vacancies

55 Total Fire Fighting Force

DIVISION OF FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH

1 Captain and Superintendent
1 Assistant to Superintendent

2 Total Division of Fire Alarm Telegraph

During the past year the Department answered 618 alarms which were received as follows:

538 Telephone Alarms
4 Telephone and Box Alarms
58 Box Alarms
18 Verbal Alarms

618 Total Number of Fire Alarms. Of these alarms
two (2) were "Second Alarms."

The total losses for 1946, including buildings and contents, amounted to \$48,766.55 on which there was insurance carried in the amount of \$1,006,444.90 making an excess insurance over loss of \$957,678.35.

The classification of fire losses and insurance carried for the year 1946 is as follows:

	Buildings	Contents	Total
Total value of property involved	\$707,898.00	\$376,091.90	\$1,083,989.90
Total Insurance of Property	639,840.00	366,604.90	1,006,444.90
Total Losses	38,089.24	10,677.31	48,766.55
Total Exposure Losses	None	None	None

CAUSES OF FIRES AND ALARMS

Fires Resulting From:—

Unknown	14
Smoking and Cigarettes	13
Careless Workmen	12
Children and Matches	11
Fuel Oil Burners	11
Overheated stoves, furnaces and smokepipes	29
Defective electric fixtures and wiring	18
Defective flues, smokepipes and soot	16
Electric Motors	10
Hot Ashes	3
Sparks from Chimneys, stoves, and locomotives	4
Oil Stoves	3
Set	1
Spontaneous Combustion	1

Total Number 146

Fires Resulting from Other Causes:—

Woods, Grass, Brush or Bon Fires	276
Automobiles—Short-circuits, backfires, etc.	77

Total Number 353

Other Alarms:—

Drowning	1
Overcome by gas, heart attacks, etc.	20
Ammonia and gas leaks	24
Smoke scares	16
Miscellaneous	18
False Alarms	31
Out of City	9

Total Number 119

Grand Total of Fires and Alarms 618

HOW EXTINGUISHED OR DUTY PERFORMED

Beat Out	21
Beat Out and Booster Tanks	6
Beat Out and Indian Tanks	113
Beat Out, Indian Tanks and Booster	22
Chemicals	21
Chemicals and Indian Tanks	5
Chemicals and Booster Tanks	4
Booster Tanks	63
Booster Tanks and Indian Tanks	13
Hydrant Streams	36
Hydrant Streams and Booster Tanks	6
Hydrant Streams and Indian Tanks	1
Indian Tanks	80
Pails of Water	1
Inhalator	13
False Alarms	31
Out on Arrival or No Duty	137
Disconnect & Remove Leaking Refrigerators	12
Miscellaneous	33

Total Duty 618

I am pleased to report that there were no lives lost during 1946 as the result of fires.

INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS, ETC.

614 Routine Inspections by Privates of Buildings, Cellars & Backyards.
478 Special Inspections made by the Chief & Deputy Chiefs of Schools, Theatres, Sprinkler System and rechecks of Routine Inspection.
1092 Grand Total of Inspections of Buildings, etc.

APPARATUS

LOCATED AT FIRE HEADQUARTERS—Central Avenue and West Fourth Street

1939 Buick Coupe (Chief's Car).

1939 Plymouth Coupe (Deputy Chief's Car).

No. 1 Engine—1916 American LaFrance combination chemical, hose and 750 gallon capacity pump. (Held in Reserve—To be traded in during 1947).

1 New combination booster, hose and 1,000 gallon capacity pumper. This engine purchased during 1946. Delivery expected the early part of 1947.

No. 2 Engine—1920 American LaFrance combination booster, hose and 1,000 gallon capacity pump.

No. 5 Engine—1930 Mack combination booster, hose and 1,000 gallon capacity pump.

No. 1 Truck—1922 American LaFrance 75 foot Aerial Truck.

No. 3 Truck—1930 Mack City Service Truck.

Rescue Squad—1933 GMC Service Truck.

1931 Chevrolet Supply Truck.

Signal System—1931 Mack Service Truck.

Signal System—1936 Chevrolet Coupe.

LOCATED AT NO. 3 FIRE HOUSE—730 West Fourth Street.

No. 3 Engine—1924 American LaFrance Combination booster, hose and 1,000 gallon capacity pump.

LOCATED AT NO. 4 FIRE HOUSE—1015 South Avenue.

No. 4 Engine—1937 Mack combination booster, hose and 750 gallon capacity pump.

No. 4 Truck—1918 Mack Service Truck. (Held in Reserve).

HOSE

We have in service, 11,250 feet of 2½ inch hose which is in good and fair to poor condition. All of this hose withstood a test of 250 lbs. during the 1946 test.

HYDRANTS

There is a total of 567 hydrants within the City Limits and 4 just over the City Line which makes a grand total of 571 hydrants.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH SYSTEM

The system is of the Gamewell Type with 103 fire alarm boxes, 18 of which are private. There is approximately 56½ miles of overhead wires. A 15 inch gong is located in each of the outside Fire Stations, an 18 inch gong with three 10 inch tappers and one 6 inch tapper at Fire Headquarters, one 12 inch gong at Police Headquarters. One 10 circuit automatic repeater, one 12 circuit switchboard with instruments mounted on it for testing and recharging of batteries, one house circuit and one local battery circuit at headquarters, and 6 outside circuits are in use. Four alarm registers with paper take-up reels are installed in the various fire stations. There are four 60 inch battery racks with 1943 cells for operating the Alarm System and one 12 circuit protector board. Two Sterling 5 horsepower electric sirens—1 at Fire Headquarters and 1 at Randolph Road Pumping Station—with synchronized remote control switch. There are 8 rectifiers. Installed at Fire Headquarters is a telephone switchboard with four trunk lines and 11 extensions. Three of the extensions are direct lines—one to No. 3 Fire House, one to No. 4 Fire House and one to Police Headquarters.

POLICE ALARM SYSTEMS

The system is of the Gamewell Type with ten Standard Police Boxes with recall lights and horns, one of which is private and nine of which are located on pedestals. There is about 2 miles of overhead wires and about 3¾ miles of underground cable which is used jointly with the Fire Alarm Telegraph System. The following Gamewell equipment is installed at Fire Headquarters: one (1) 60 inch battery rack with 60 two-volt cells and two (2) rectifiers. The following equipment is installed at Police Headquarters: a switchboard with a time clock stamp, a four-circuit punching machine and a telephone for making calls to police boxes.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL SYSTEM

There are traffic lights at sixteen (16) intersections; also one (1) all red traffic signal and bell located at the corner of Central Avenue and West Fourth Street which light is manually operated from Fire Department Headquarters. During the year 1946 preliminary work was completed for the installation of new traffic light at East Second Street and Watchung Avenue. This installation will be completed as soon as all the equipment ordered during 1946 is received.

1947 RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend the purchase of 500 feet of 2½ inch hose.

I recommend the purchase and installation of five (5) new fire boxes and I also recommend the purchase of two (2) new type fire boxes to replace two (2) old type boxes.

I recommend that repairs be made to the Fire and Police Underground located in East Fourth Street between Park and Cleveland Avenues at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00. This work is necessary due to its poor and crowded condition.

I recommend the elimination of ten (10) hours of the twenty-four hours on duty providing that sixteen (16) men be added to the Fire Fighting Force (5 officers and 11 privates.)

I wish to express thanks and appreciation of the co-operation received from the Mayor, Common Council, Fire Committee, various Department Heads of the City, members of this department, the press of the City of Plainfield, and the Utility Companies namely: Public Service Electric & Gas Company, New Jersey Bell Telephone Company and Plainfield Union Water Company and their employees.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL P. ADAMS, *Chief*

Plainfield Fire Department

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WELFARE DEPARTMENT
DECEMBER 31, 1946**

To the Honorable, the Mayor and the Common Council
of the City of Plainfield.

The Department of Welfare submits herewith a report of their activities for the year 1946.

The Department operated under State regulation, with a local assistance Board of five members appointed by the Mayor, the Chairman of the board being one of the members of the Common Council.

Members of the Board

David Scott Foster, Chairman; Edith S. Luce; Wilbur Clark; Joseph F. McCarron; Rev. Paul G. Dennis.

Relief Commitments

On January, 1946, this Department had under care 45 cases and at the close of the year there were 42 active cases.

Tabulated below by monthly periods are the number of cases which received assistance each month, the number of persons involved and the monthly total commitments for direct relief in 1946.

	Cases	Persons	Direct Relief
January	45	127	\$1,956.03
February	42	121	1,909.53
March	46	130	2,160.24
April	48	131	2,310.94
May	49	136	2,381.47
June	40	109	2,392.48
July	35	97	2,025.63
August	39	106	1,817.59
September	41	110	2,234.50
October	38	97	2,205.31
November	47	118	2,511.59
December	42	107	2,553.16
Total			\$26,458.47

Out of the amount of relief stated above, \$784.00 was spent for three Municipal non-resident cases, the responsibility of other towns. This amount has now been entirely collected by the Welfare Department from the following:

New Brunswick	1 case	\$462.47
Piscataway Township	1 case	237.50
Warren Township	1 case	84.03
Total	3 cases	\$784.00

Assistance was also given to 6 non-state-residents in the amount of \$467.66 of which the State of New Jersey refunds 80%.

At the close of 1946, 42 cases with 107 persons were receiving assistance.

Hospital Care

Below, is listed the number of relief persons given Hospitalization in 1946. At the rate of \$3.00 per day, for adult, from January 1 to April 30 and \$5.00 per day from May 1st on, also .50c per day for new born child, this amounted to \$2,959.00. Forty per cent of which is reimbursable by the State to the City of Plainfield.

	Number of Patients	Ward Days	Cost Allowed
January	7	108	\$324.00
February	6	95	285.00
March	4	66	198.00
April	7	121	363.00
May	8	81	364.50
June	4	62	310.00
July	2	17	85.00
August	2	21	105.00
September	3	55	275.00
October	3	36	180.00
November	6	52	219.50
December	4	50	250.00
Total	56	764	\$2,959.00

Visiting Nurse

Listed below, are the visits made by the Visiting Nurse to relief recipients, the number of cases and the cost allowed. At the rate of \$1.00 per visit, per family, this amounted to \$125.00. Of this amount 40% is reimbursable to the City of Plainfield by the State.

	Number of Visits	Cost Allowed
January	4	\$ 4.00
February	3	3.00
March	10	10.00
April	19	19.00
May	28	28.00
June	23	23.00
July	6	6.00
August	5	5.00
September	5	5.00
October	6	6.00
November	10	10.00
December	6	6.00
Total	125	\$125.00

Other Activities of the Department

A great many miscellaneous contacts and investigations have been required of this Department, as will be seen from the following list of activities taken from our monthly report to the Division of Commerce and Municipal Aid in Trenton.

Number of home visits for cases under care	979
Applications for relief not considered	115
Red Cross contacts	457
Selective Service contacts	37
Out of town inquiries for investigation	1,125
Army allotment cases	34
Referrals to other agencies	1,809
Non-support, paternity, & desertion cases interviewed	1,855
Total number of contacts & investigations	6,411

Domestic Relations Cases

In addition to giving assistance to persons in need of relief, it is a regular function of this Department to handle domestic relations cases, non-support problems and complaints from unmarried mothers.

The policy of this Department is to adjust these cases, if practicable, without recourse to Court action.

Non-Support Cases

Through the year 1946, the Welfare Department carried 71 domestic relations cases; 57 carried over from 1945 and 14 new cases in 1946. Of these 71 cases, 40 were cared for by Court order and 31 by agreement; 28 having been closed during the course of the year and 43 cases are being carried over to 1947. A total of \$21,932.89 was collected in 1946 and the money paid to whom it was designated by the Court or agreement.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD H. DURANT,
Director of Welfare

ANNUAL REPORT OF RECREATION COMMISSION

December 31, 1946

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council
of the City of Plainfield, New Jersey:

The Recreation Commission submits herewith the twenty-fourth Annual Report of activities conducted during the year ending December 31, 1946.

As was expected at the beginning of the year, the return of servicemen has greatly increased our activities and has extended our facilities to the limit. The Commission was aware of its responsibilities and promptly initiated steps to meet the increased demands made upon it by organizing itself into five permanent committees to facilitate its work. The committees as set up were: Public Relations, Planning, Personnel, Activities, and Finance.

During the year a joint meeting was held between the Board of Education and the Recreation Commission to increase greatly services already in existence and improve on other services that might be co-ordinated in the future between the two Boards.

Bergen Field was purchased early in the spring, acquiring this valuable piece of property for play purposes into a neighborhood which needed this service urgently. The Commission succeeded in securing permission from the Police Board to block off certain streets for coasting when necessary.

As the result of several meetings with the Common Council, a joint Planning Committee was organized with four members of the Council and the Planning Committee of the Commission to determine a long-range plan for the future needs of recreation services in the City. During the past year the Commission developed and adopted a set of By-Laws to serve as a guide for improving methods in conjunction with the work of the Board.

Our Planning Committee initiated a city and state survey on recreational needs to determine where we stand in relation to other cities of our size and population. The result of these surveys will determine the future planning of facilities needed for the next twenty or thirty years which we will submit to you shortly in a report form.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

1. Establishment of a Youth Center at Jefferson School operating every Friday night on a self-supporting basis.
2. Benefit basketball games for the Infantile Paralysis Fund and Red Cross Drive.
3. Reorganization of the Lawn Bowling Club.
4. Initiation of our first Bicycle Day.
5. Benefit softball games for injured players.
6. Operation of night activities under lights for the first time with softball, baseball, and football. These events were highly successful.
7. A series of block dances were inaugurated and well attended.
8. Sunday baseball at Seidler Field was also a successful venture in 1946.
9. Organization of the Plainfield Bowling Federation with thirteen leagues composed of one hundred twenty teams on a self-supporting and self-governing basis.
10. Establishment of the Plainfield Injury Fund for the purpose of compensating players who are injured in any of our organized leagues.
11. First regularly held football games on Sunday at Seidler Field were favorably accepted.
12. Basketball clinic for players anxious to understand and play the game better was held in November.

13. Junior baseball during the summer months was sponsored this year by the Lodge No. 885, B. P. O. Elks. Prizes and a trip to a New York stadium were awarded the winners. Plans for 1947 call for the provision of uniforms for all teams and the entire league is to see a big league game with expenses being borne by the Elks.
14. Saturday morning activities for grammar school boys at the High School have been organized. This program is under the supervision of Assistant Superintendent Tice, who is assisted by volunteer leadership.
15. Frank M. Sabino returned from military service to his position as Supervisor of Men's and Boy's Activities, thereby strengthening our staff with an experienced person of proven ability. Mr. Sabino resigned in September to become Superintendent of Recreation at Leonia, New Jersey.
16. Raymond L. Tice was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Recreation in October to replace Mr. Sabino.
17. Miss Cora Thayer, well qualified in recreation work, was appointed Supervisor of Women's and Girls' Activities in March, filling a vacancy of long standing.
18. The purchase of eight sections of bleachers which will accommodate eight hundred eighty spectators was approved by the Common Council.

SPRING AND SUMMER PLAYGROUNDS

Four after-school playgrounds were opened May 1st and continued throughout June with the exception of Bergen which was suspended for a period pending purchase by the city. Two additional playgrounds were added July 1st when all playgrounds were operated full-time until the end of August.

COMMUNITY CENTERS

Through the splendid co-operation of the Board of Education we operated school buildings as community centers. Three of these centers were used as centers proper while three were used strictly as athletic centers.

THE PROGRAM

Washington and Emerson Schools operated as after-school activity centers. Jefferson School operated as an evening center. The boys' and girls' gyms at Plainfield High School and the gyms at Hubbard and Maxson Schools were used for athletics.

The program conducted at the centers consisted of organized games, quiet games, handicraft, club work, wood-working, interpretive dancing, boxing, dramatics, parties, music, and special events.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Square Dances

Weekly square dances were held every Wednesday night in the Jefferson School with the exception of holidays and the months of July, August, and September. The end of the war effected a decided increase in attendance and interest.

Handicraft Display

An excellent handicraft display was attractively staged in the Public Service Company window inviting many favorable comments.

Halloween

Again on Halloween approximately 1300 youngsters attended movies shown at five school buildings in the city. As the result of this annual program little mischievousness was observed in the city that particular evening.

Trip to Stadium

This summer fifty youngsters from our various playgrounds were treated to a trip to the Yankee Stadium.

Table Tennis Tournament

A table tennis tournament was renewed for the first time since 1943 and was held in the Washington School for two days. Winners in the singles, doubles, and novice classifications were awarded individual medals.

ACTIVITY ATTENDANCES

Activity	Sessions or Leagues	Registration or Teams	Players	Games	Attendance
Playgrounds	836 Sessions	1845			60,303
Baseball	3 Leagues	18	354	243	43,632
Softball	10 Leagues	60	2010	403	42,416
Community Centers	221 Sessions	1194			21,250
Football		14	390	13	16,332
Bowling	13 Leagues	124	1100	4222	14,485
Basketball	10 Leagues	60	600	390	7,901
Square Dances	34 Dances				4,227
Picnics & Outings					3,804
Block Dances					3,000
Youth Center	29 Dances				2,705
Tennis					2,551
Touch Football	1 League	10	150	45	1,590
Golf	1 League	10	150	102	1,464
Halloween					1,300
Lawn Bowling					1,115
Committee Meetings					869
Marble Tournament					385
Bicycle Day					117
Table Tennis Tournament					66
TOTAL ATTENDANCE					229,512

The total attendance gain over 1945 amounts to over 110 per cent.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That the long-range plan submitted by the joint committee consisting of the Common Council, Recreation Commission, and the Council of Social Agencies be put into effect immediately so that the recreational needs of our growing city will be adequately cared for in the future years.
2. That the after-school activities program already operating at the Emerson and Washington Schools be enlarged to include the Hubbard, Jefferson, and Maxson Schools to work with and through the Board of Education after-school program.
3. That a salary schedule for all workers be established with stated merit increments, with services required, and in line with what other communities are paying in this field of endeavor.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Recreation Commission extends its thanks to the following who helped to make the year's activities a success: Plainfield Courier-News for dissemination of news on all our activities; Board of Education for their thoughtful consideration and use of all facilities; National Recreation Association for its guidance and bulletin service; Common Council for its co-operation and understanding of our problems; the Shade Tree Commission, Sidney Durrant, and Captain James Pearsall for their assistance in lighting the City Christmas tree and other services rendered during the year; the entire staff who served so honorably; and to all citizens who participated. Without the wholehearted support of all, this efficient program of recreation could not have been possible.

Respectfully submitted,

RECREATION COMMISSION

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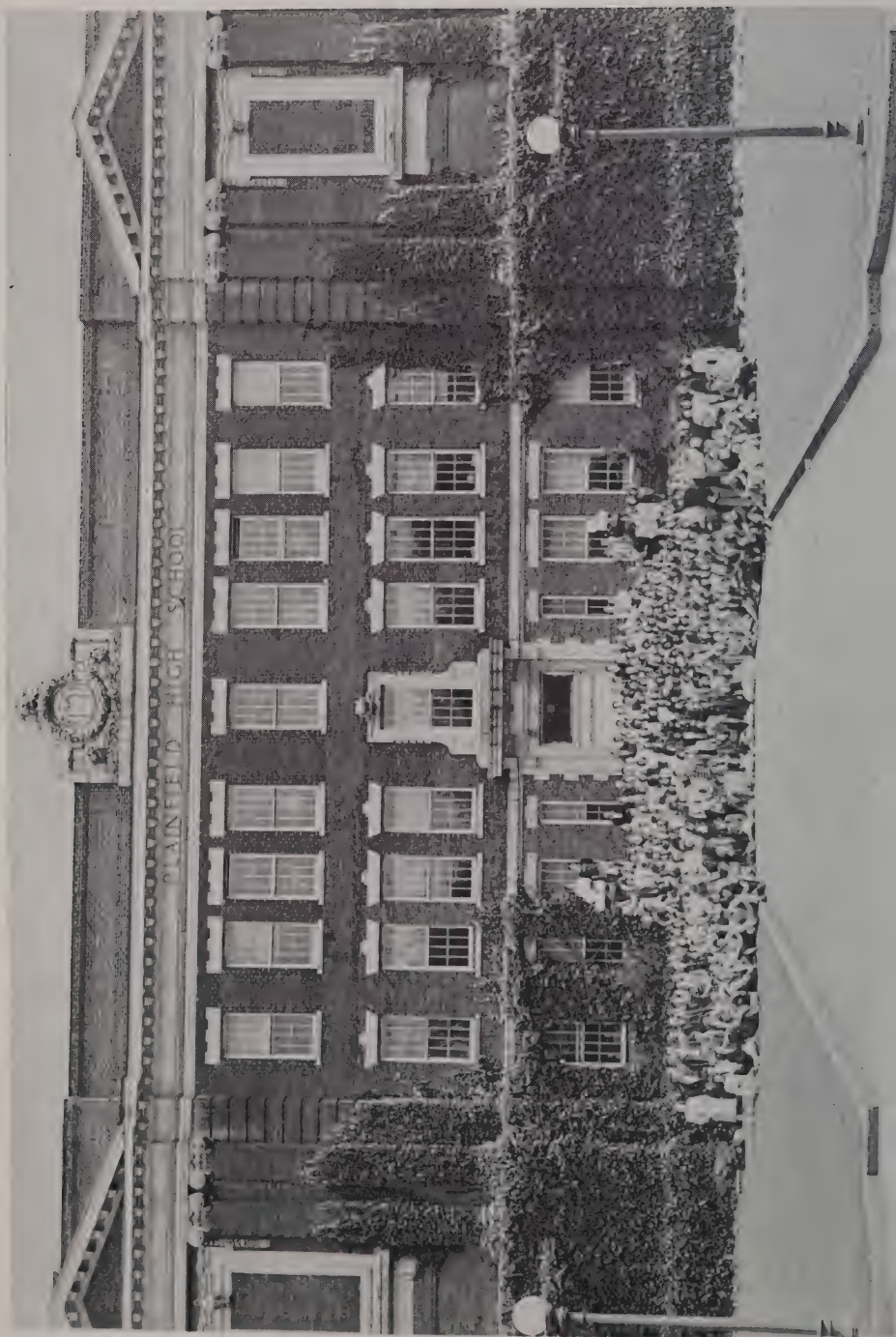
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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Honorable, the Mayor and Common Council
of the City of Plainfield, New Jersey:

Gentlemen:

It is a pleasure to submit, herewith, a brief report of the Plainfield Public Schools.

At the present time we have one high school and eleven elementary schools in operation, including the Stillman Binet School. During the period covered by this report, 3945 pupils were enrolled in the elementary schools and 1760 in the high school. The instructional staff consisted of 250 teachers exclusive of principals and supervisors. The Plainfield Public Schools are not only considered among the best in the State of New Jersey, but also have a national reputation for their high standing. Procedures and practices are constantly being revised to meet the needs of youth in an ever changing world.

In addition to the regular day schools we have a well-organized evening school which is open during the winter months. We also have two summer schools, one for high school students and the other for pupils on the elementary school level, both of which are financed by the fees charged for instruction. Veterans living in Plainfield are admitted to summer school free of cost.

During the past two years the Superintendent of Schools has been making an extensive survey of the local schools with a view to evaluating the educational offerings and to see if any economies might be practiced without harm to the educational program.

The survey is being made under the following headings:

1. Evaluation of the Elementary Schools
2. Evaluation of the High School
3. A study of the building needs with recommendations for a comprehensive building program
4. Recommendations for changes in the administrative and supervisory program.

This survey which was undertaken under the auspices of the Board of Education, the Mayor and Common Council will be completed in the near future and should prove valuable in giving an overall picture of our local educational offerings.

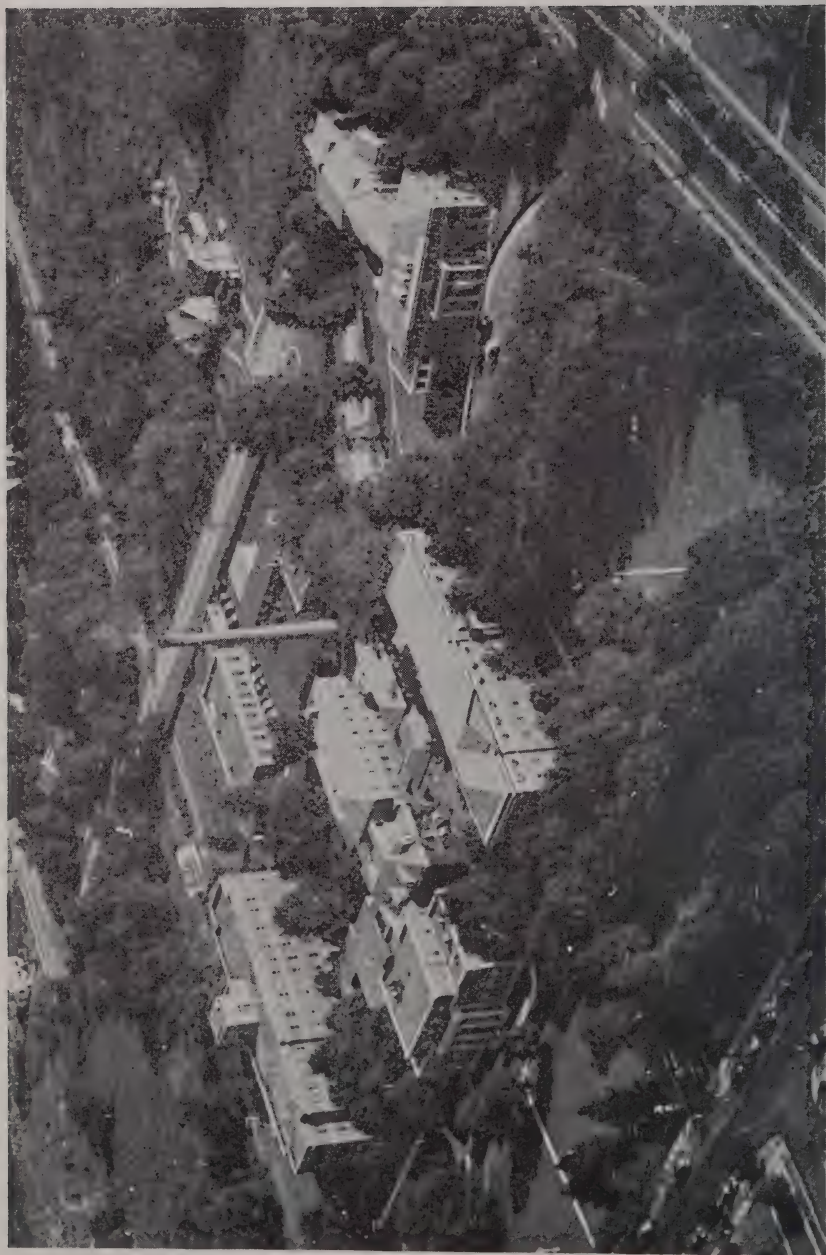
Today education takes on a new significance. The future of this great nation, the development of its industries, its peace program, and the conservation of our present form of civilization depends in no small measure upon the type of education we provide for the youth now in our public schools. We must realize the great power in education for good or evil.

The education of youth is a matter of paramount importance which takes on a new significance in these days of restlessness, danger and uncertainty. There is so much involved that the significance of the problem cannot be over-emphasized.

An adequate program of education is only made possible by all agencies of a community working together. The citizens of Plainfield, the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Education are to be congratulated for their united efforts in providing the youth of this city with such fine educational facilities.

I am particularly pleased to have this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Mayor and Common Council for their interest and co-operation in helping to maintain the efficiency of our public schools.

Respectfully submitted,
ARTHUR F. HOPPER,
Superintendent.



AERIAL VIEW, MUHLENBERG HOSPITAL

MUHLENBERG HOSPITAL

An essential asset of such a community as Plainfield and its surrounding residential, mercantile and manufacturing area is a good hospital. And Plainfield has Muhlenberg, which is a nonprofit community hospital.

Founded on a modest scale in 1877 by nineteen citizens of Plainfield, men of good will, vision and public spirit,—“to receive the injured and sick, irrespective of race, nationality, religion or ability to pay,”—Muhlenberg Hospital has been built over the years by private and public contributions up to its present capacity of 330 beds, modern equipment and special services and facilities, including a Nurses' Training School.

In 1946 Muhlenberg Hospital treated 10,379 patients, including 2,253 newborn babies,—1249 more patients and 510 more babies than the previous high record of 1945, —80% more patients than 10 years ago and 1,000 more babies than the pre-war high record.

Muhlenberg maintains also fifteen different clinics for patients unable to pay for private medical attention, at a cost of over \$20,000 in excess of receipts therefor.

The Muhlenberg Social Service Department through trained field workers goes to the aid outside the hospital of over 5,000 patients a year; arranging for treatment in hospital or clinic; assisting doctors in diagnosis and treatment through knowledge of home conditions; determining whether home conditions provide proper care upon discharge from hospital, and arranging when advisable for transfer to a convalescent home or home care by Visiting Nurse Association or other social agency.

Increased hospital capacity is needed urgently and is included in plans already developed but impossible of realization under present conditions.

Muhlenberg Hospital was incorporated by the original associates in whom the management was vested and has been continued in their successors, the Board of Governors, all of whom serve without compensation in any form. The membership of the Board includes, ex officio, five public officials,—the Mayor and the President of the Common Council of Plainfield, the Mayor of North Plainfield, the Mayor of Westfield and one member of the Board of Freeholders of Union County. Title to all hospital property is held by the Corporation. There are no shareholders nor any private interest.

Alfred C. Buttfield,
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Secretary.

Omer T. Houston,
Treasurer.

John R. Howard, Jr.,
Superintendent.

1946 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Deferred work upon our City's shade trees has kept accumulating during the war years, as manpower and materials were less and less available.

1946 presented needed work that, because of these past years, was equivalent to what a tree population normally four or five times as great as ours would require. In every street are trees that would have had attention long ago had not war interrupted the Commission's program.

Now we are trying to build up the number of our staff to that of normal times. Its number is always determined by our budget, therefore, it is always small. The average, before the war, was five men.

There are over twenty thousand trees in care of this Department. Obviously, for some time to come, only the most necessary cases can be attended to. The rapidity of "catching-up" on accumulated work largely depends upon a small labor turn-over. In 1946, the turn-over was abnormal; the average employment being two and one-half months per man because workers kept leaving for other jobs. Of these eleven men employed at one time and another in 1946, only one on the staff today has served continuously through the year. The problems of our Supervisor are apparent.

However, in 1946, with inexperienced and transient workers one hundred fifty emergency cases of uprooted, diseased or dangerous trees have been removed; nine hundred twenty trees pruned; sixty planted. In addition, one thousand five hundred elms have been sprayed for elm leaf beetles. Dormant sprays have been used also on other trees. By means of these sprays there has been considerable control of those great pests, cankerworms, caterpillars, elm leaf beetles, aphides and Japanese beetles as well as lesser enemies.

Dutch elm disease, maple wilt, London plane disease, phloem necrosis and other tree disorders that appear in some parts of the State and are very destructive, have been constantly watched for. Perhaps because of excellent pre-war care, Plainfield trees have been, so far, quite resistant. They have suffered far less than those in many other communities after wartime neglect.

Fertilizers, sprays, tools and other equipment are becoming more easily available. It is hoped that labor turn-over will decrease in 1947 and that there will be a permanent, interested staff. Trained men are urgently needed. Also essential and helpful in this difficult situation is an understanding attitude of the general public, most of whom like trees and are glad to have them well cared for.

Respectfully yours,

Florence C. Smith
(Mrs. Garret Smith)
Secretary

January 3, 1947

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